

## **COVID-19 Safe Practices for 2020 Season Pigeon Guillemot Survey**

Due to Governor Inslee's Stay Home, Stay Healthy order we all need to take special precautions while conducting the 2020 season of the Pigeon Guillemot Survey. These guidelines need to be practiced at all times while participating this season, or until further relaxed guidelines are posted by the Governor's Office. Our goal in following these guidelines is to continue to conduct the survey while keeping ourselves and the public safe.

1. **If you, or anyone you have contact with is sick, please stay home.** Contact your colony coordinator to arrange a substitute.
2. **Do not carpool to sites.** This may require allowing for additional time to access sites if parking is limited. Inform private property owners to any change of parking arrangements. Always check to be sure parking lots are open on public lands.
3. **Use personal protective equipment to minimize risk of contact.** If face to face communication is necessary during your survey please use a face mask. Use hand sanitizer or gloves when sharing handrails, gates, and other necessary surfaces for access to sites.
4. **Practice social distancing at all times.** This includes:
  - a. **Maintaining at least a 6ft distance** between you and all other people, including your team (exceptions being household members who are also participating).
  - b. **Be courteous to members of the public by maintaining distance** and avoiding contact, even with friendly dogs. Please continue to briefly share our work with the public, if it does not interrupt your surveys.
  - c. **Please communicate with owners of private property** with access to colonies case by case, as they have requested this season. This may require additional measures, including weekly check-ins.
5. **Keep data sheets and equipment separate**
  - a. **Do not physically share data sheets** between members of the party during surveys.
  - b. **Do not share binoculars, spotting scopes, or other equipment.**
  - c. **Teams may discuss data entry issues** following the survey, as long as they wear masks and observe safe distancing. Faxing or emailing data sheets to colony leads is acceptable. As usual, colony leads will enter data into the on-line system and then mail the hard copy to colony coordinators.
6. **Be prepared for a lack of public facilities across the region.** Public bathrooms and potable water will likely not be available for most or all of the season. Plan accordingly.