Current TPE COVID-19 Guidelines for Gatherings
Approved by the Executive Committee and effective March 28, 2022

These Current Guidelines cover all in-person public gatherings of more than one household that are sponsored and/or publicized by The Prairie Enthusiasts, including field trips, work parties, prescribed burns, workshops, lectures, courses, social events, meetings, and conferences. The purpose is to enable us to continue our important conservation and education work as much as possible while staying safe and protecting personal and public health during the COVID-19 pandemic.

These guidelines apply throughout our service area in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Illinois, and are reviewed monthly and updated, if necessary, as CDC updates are issued. These do not replace any state, local, territorial, or tribal health and safety laws, rules, and regulations with which gatherings must comply.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has determined that the risks associated with COVID-19 are greatly reduced now for most people. However, older adults, people with medical conditions, and those who are or have recently been pregnant, do still have a higher risk for serious illness.

Guidance for your gathering: First assess the level of risk related to hosting a TPE-sponsored event using the CDC’s Covid-19 Community Levels tool and refer to the chart below for specific guidance.

For all TPE-sponsored events and gatherings:

- Advise attendees to be up to date with vaccines and boosters and to stay home if they are sick.
- Participants may choose to mask at any time based on their own personal preference.
- Encourage those at high risk to talk with their healthcare provider about any additional measures they may need to take if they choose to participate.
- Outdoors is safer and masks are not required. Indoor spaces and vehicles should be well-ventilated.
- Avoid crowding – try to plan so that people from different households can stay 6 feet apart.
- Have a plan to notify attendees in case of exposure – if this happens you should encourage participants to be tested and to follow CDC guidelines for isolation and quarantine.

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<td>• Follow the general guidelines listed above.</td>
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