



Water Quality Monitoring Safety Protocol: COVID-19

For a successful day of water quality monitoring, make sure your team is together, accounted for, and safe. Please wash your hands prior to arrival and consider wearing a face mask throughout sampling if unable to maintain a six-foot distance. Sanitize regularly throughout sampling.

Team Member Protocol:

1. Communicate with Tiara to confirm the point of contact for handing off equipment prior to sampling
2. Convene at designated meeting place and time, wearing face masks (if needed)
3. Check each other's temperatures using the non-contact thermometer to ensure all are below 99.6°F
 - If any Team Members have a temperature above 99.6°F, they are to return home immediately
4. Sign-in to the **Field Volunteer Log**
5. Conduct sampling
6. Sign-out on the **Field Volunteer Log** if not going to the lab
7. Communicate with Tiara to confirm the point of contact for handing off equipment and samples
 - If no contact within 60 minutes after established return time – Tiara call those monitoring
 - If no contact within 120 minutes after established return time – Tiara call local police/fire
8. If going to the lab to drop samples off and/or assist with post-sampling duties, depart for lab and communicate your arrival time with Tiara
9. When leaving lab, confirm your departure with Tiara
10. Sign-out of the **Field Volunteer Log**
11. When only participating in lab work, sign-in/sign-out of the **Lab Volunteer Log**

Phone Numbers:

Volunteer Coordinator: Tiara Stark (808) 298-8566

TNC Project Manager: Emily Fielding (808) 284-3961

Local Police Department: 911 or (808) 661-4441

Local Fire Department: (808) 661-4065

Lifeguard Towers: 911

Hawai'i Poison Control: (800) 222-1222

Coast Guard Emergency: (808) 842-2600 or (800) 552-6458

National Weather Service – Maui: (808) 877-5111 www.prh.noaa.gov/hnl/

Maui County Civil Defense: (808) 270-7285 <http://www.co.maui.hi.us/index.aspx?nid=70>

Prevention:

- Every volunteer **sign a waiver** good for one year.
- **Be aware of weather conditions.** Be prepared for variable conditions on any given day.
- If you are the designated in-water sampler for the current sampling session, **wear water shoes/tabis** while in the water. Let your coordinator know if you don't have water shoes/tabis.
- Preferably, one person in your group is currently **CPR/First Aid certified**. Ideally, all volunteers would receive CPR/First Aid certification training every two years to stay on top of safety awareness/response.
- Please share any **medical information** your team should know about before monitoring.
- If you require an **EpiPen** for allergic reactions, please have it with you at all times during monitoring and let your team know where to find it and how to use it.
- **Familiarize yourself** with the Accident Management Plan, contents of the first aid kit, and useful contact numbers in case of an accident.
- Sign-up for Civil Defense Alerts. In case of a **natural disaster**, get to safety and contact the Volunteer Coordinator or TNC Project Manager.
- Always have a functioning **cell phone** within your team.