

Crested Butte Wildflower Festival
Operating Plan
July 10-19, 2020



In response to Gunnison County's COVID-19 outbreak and subsequent Public Health Orders, the Crested Butte Wildflower Festival has re-designed our 2020 Festival. First and foremost, our priority is keeping our staff, volunteers, and participants safe and healthy by following guidelines set forth by the Gunnison County Health Department, the Colorado Governor, and the CDC.

We have developed a plan and set of procedures to safely operate as we move into Phase 2 of Gunnison County's re-opening plan. We are confident that our staff can adopt practices to provide safe experiences for our Festival community. Our preliminary plan is highlighted below:

Staff:

- All staff, volunteers, and guides will wear masks when interacting with the public/attendees. Complimentary face coverings will be available at headquarters if needed.
- All staff and guides will be required to screen themselves for symptoms of COVID-19, including taking their temperature daily prior to arriving at Festival headquarters. Any individual who is symptomatic for COVID-16 will be excluded from participating and asked to return home and self-report symptoms to Gunnison County.
- At Festival headquarters, staff will practice social distancing and stay 6 feet apart from each other.
- Staff will be required to wash their hands frequently throughout the day and use sanitizer in between possible contact.
- All guides will be provided with hand sanitizer and will be encouraged to use it frequently in the field, especially after possible contact with participants.
- All staff and guides will receive training on enforcing social distancing guidelines during Festival events, and will be updated daily of any new protocols as conditions change.

Festival Headquarters:

- We are renting the Old Historic Train Depot at 716 Elk Avenue to serve as our Festival Headquarters. This building has two large sliding doors that will remain open during operating hours. These doors allow for air to circulate throughout the venue, and a large deck is adjacent to the rear sliding door to allow for easy access to the outdoors.
 - No more than 10 individuals (including staff, volunteers, guides, and participants) will occupy Festival Headquarters at any time.
- Signage at entrance and inside headquarters will display Gunnison County Business Hygiene and Safety Protocols and the 5 Commitments.
- Signage at entry doors and markings on the floor will explain the movement of foot traffic throughout the area. Guests will move in one direction entering through the front doors and exiting for their events through the rear doors.
- Merchandise will be displayed out of reach and Festival staff will deliver items to customers at time of purchase. The Festival will accept only digital payments, and Festival staff will sign for customers to prevent direct contact between customers and the point of sale system.
- All restrooms, touch screens, handles, and high contact surface areas will be disinfected according to current CDC guidelines after each tour departs.
- ***if necessary, we can run our entire check-in process outdoors using a Farmer's Market style booth.***

Events:

- We have reduced the scope of our 2020 Wildflower Festival significantly, offering a total of 61 events over the course of the 10-day Festival (we offered 204 events in 2019).
- Participants are required to wear face coverings and practice social distancing (see bullets) for the duration of the event. Complimentary face coverings will be provided if needed.
 - Participants/guides will stay 6 feet apart while stationary
 - Participants/guides will stay 10 feet apart while hiking/moving
 - Yoga participants will stay 10 feet apart during practice
- Any participant who is symptomatic for COVID-19 upon arrival will be excluded from participating, asked to return home and self-report symptoms to Gunnison County.
- Participants will be required to manage their own trash; no trash will be collected by Festival staff, volunteers, or guides, especially when out in the field on events.
- Additional precautions:
 - All events occur outdoors
 - Group size is limited to 8 participants plus guide(s). No group is larger than 10 people.
 - Event start times are staggered by a minimum of 15 minutes.
 - No food or transportation is provided by the Festival*
 - Participants will bring their own water and snacks/lunch
- In case of inclement weather:
 - Guides will carry a few spare masks/face coverings in a water-resistant container
 - Participants are strongly encouraged to bring rain jackets with hoods as rain protection to minimize risk of face coverings getting wet
 - Distance between participants will be increased if it begins to rain
 - In the case of severe weather event will be canceled and everyone will return to their vehicles

Guest Check-in:

- The Festival will communicate check-in and participation protocols with guests prior to the event start time via email and text messaging.
- Guests will sign digital waivers whenever possible to reduce contact during check-in.
- Hand sanitizer will be available for guests in multiple locations during check-in.
- Groups will gather with their guide outside headquarters after checking in.
- Guests will provide their own transportation to the trailhead. Only guests in the same reservation party will travel together.

Special Circumstances:

- *Hike to Aspen is scheduled for Saturday, July 18th and requires transportation to the West Maroon Trailhead and from Aspen via Dolly's Mountain Shuttle.
 - Participants will be spaced apart during transportation, maximum of 10 per vehicle including driver
 - Hand sanitizer will be available in the vehicle
 - Face coverings will be worn by staff and participants
 - Windows will remain open if possible
- We employ guides and serve participants that are over the age of 60, but otherwise deemed to be in good health.
 - Current 60+ guides have reviewed our operating plan and are comfortable leading events with the safety measures outlined within this plan.
 - Participants over the age of 60 will sign a waiver informing them of our precautionary measures and reminding them of the risk of exposure to COVID-19 inherent in participating in any group activity.
 - We are willing to implement additional measures as directed by the Gunnison County Public Health Department to further protect this subset of our Festival community.

The above plan assumes the county will move forward into Phase 2 of their Re-Opening Plan by the start of the Festival on July 10th. We recognize the unpredictable nature of COVID-19, and are prepared to cancel our Festival on short notice if conditions warrant, taking direction from the Gunnison County Public Health Department and the state of Colorado.