

Driftless on the Fly COVID-19 Response

Hello Current and Future Driftless on the Fly Clients and Friends,

The following is a document that will help clients and future clients navigate Driftless on the Fly's response to the current Covid-19 pandemic. The health and safety of our family and clients is of the paramount importance to us, and during this guide season there will be new precautions in place to protect you and us. We've drawn upon state, local and federal resources to implement this policy.



We want to ensure you that we have been taking this pandemic and social distancing seriously. A safe trip always starts with us as guides, and we have been working diligently to decrease our risk of exposure. If at any point during this season our guides have been exposed to Covid-19, or begin experiencing symptoms, all trips will be immediately cancelled until given medical clearance to return.

The following is what to expect from Driftless on the Fly as a guide service and what we expect from you as a client. Some of this is new, so **please take time to read this over** as it will affect our lessons, walk-wade trips, and floats. If for any reason you are not comfortable participating in your scheduled trip, lesson or float, we'll hope to see you on the water in 2021.

We want to thank you for your support and understanding during these unusual times. If you have questions that were not answered in this document, please reach out.

What to expect from Driftless on the Fly

- Guides will be wearing masks or face coverings (sun buffs)
- Guides will be practicing diligent hand hygiene
- Hand sanitizer will be available if on a walk/wade on the boat
- There will be no carpooling/pick-ups to fishing locations (except with float trips, where shuttling is necessary)
 - We will meet you at an agreed upon location and ask you to follow us to a fishing location.
- See **below** for lunch information.
 - If you are uncomfortable with a provided lunch you are welcome to bring your own
- Guides are abiding by social distancing outside of work
- The boat will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized before every trip (floats only)
- Loaner rods will be sanitized prior to use
 - You are encouraged to bring your own rod if you own one.*
- Guides **will not be shaking hands** before/during/or after trips.
 - This one is tough. We have the best clients and we love you folks...please don't take it personally.

What Driftless on the Fly expects from you (the client)

- If you have been exposed to someone with Covid-19 or are experiencing symptoms, please contact Driftless on the Fly to reschedule your trip.
- Masks or face coverings are strongly encouraged for the protection of your guide.
- Practice good cough/sneeze/hand hygiene during the lesson, walk-wade trip or float.
 - Hand sanitizer is provided, use it often
- Travel: While traveling and staying near fishing locations please limit unnecessary stops. *Our community is very important to us.*
 - We recommend day trips for those who are able to. If you stay in an area, please use your best judgement when patronizing area businesses (take out, delivery, curbside pick up).
 - Try to stock up on essentials (beverages, snacks, sunscreen, fuel, etc.) before leaving your local area. See our FAQ page on what is needed on trips and prepare ahead of time.
- Cash or check (made to Driftless on the Fly) is preferred method of payment
 - We are unable to make change for cash payments
 - We can send you a link for electronic payment prior to the trip if you would like.
- Please bring **your own** small cooler for personal beverages.
 - We will not provide water or beverages this year.**
- If you would **not like** a provided lunch please inform us before your trip (full day walk-wade and float trips)

Lunches

We will continue to provide boxed lunches on full day trips and floats. This year, boxed lunches are made professionally by a third party in a clean and sanitary environment. If you prefer to bring your own lunch please let us know before your trip.

Health risks

We are navigating uncharted waters as all businesses are during this pandemic. Unfortunately, there is no guaranteed safe way to do this, but we feel we can minimize risk to ourselves and our clients by following the above protocols.

Please be aware that by choosing to go on a guided fishing trip you are accepting a certain amount of personal risk - you need to decide what your comfort level is with that. **If you are someone who falls into a 'high risk' category, it may be in your best interest to wait until the situation is safer.**

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