

Newman Farm Program Operating Protocols

Program Management

- All volunteers must be approved by Bert James (FLT Society Newman Farm Manager), especially new volunteers.
- Potential new volunteers will be advised of our management protocols when offering to work at the Farm.
- The authority to supervise volunteers and their activities at the Farm rests with Bert James, FLT Society Newman Farm Manager
- *Everyone volunteering at the Farm must take instructions from Bert James.*

Protecting Farm Volunteers During the COVID-19 Pandemic*

- General Practices
 - No one suffering from a cold or the flu should come to the Farm.
 - All volunteers are to practice handwashing after completing a task. A hand washing station is located near the Newman Farm tool shed.
 - Handwashing periodically throughout the day and especially before and after break times or when tools are switched.
 - Disposable rubber gloves will be available to all volunteers upon request.
- Physical Distancing
 - Work at individual stations or an area of the field that provides 2 meters of separation from other individuals.
 - Where required to work together in close proximity to complete tasks, the designated workers should be in a group of not be more than 5 people and the same people should stay together for the duration of the project.
- Meetings
 - Worker gatherings of any size will be structured so that those present maintain a physical distance of 2 meters from each other.
 - There will be no congregating at start/stop times, to minimize worker contact.
 - Thus, no food will be provided during volunteer days.
 - Individual bottled water will be made available on site.
- Tool Usage
 - Where possible, each worker will be supplied with their own tools to be used throughout the duration they are onsite.
 - If worker does not wear gloves, then tools should be cleaned after use and before being returned to the shed.
 - Workers wearing leather gloves as hand protection during work may share tools and equipment without disinfecting the tools between each user.

*Recommendations for all farms employing temporary domestic workers issued by the BC Provincial Health Officer.