

HOW TO SAFELY ENGAGE COMMUNITIES

Tips for volunteers on conducting face-to-face community meetings during COVID-19

Before the activity



Avoid wearing items that need to be disinfected afterwards

Set up your community meeting safely by:

- Prepare it outside if possible and security context allows
- Ask participants to keep 2m apart from each other. You can prepare chairs beforehand
- Try not to allow more than 5 participants, with a maximum of 2 facilitators
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment following your NS recommendations
- If mandated by government, physical distancing is no possible and/or high number of cases, encourage participants to use masks

Avoid typical

Stay at home if you feel symptoms

During the activity

2 m



without touching

physical greetings and try new practices

Cough or sneeze into your elbow



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Do not touch your face

Use large format materials instead of handing out flyers to avoid virus transmission



Do not enter homes

During household visits, you can speak

through windows or

2-meter distance

doorways maintaining

After the activity

Wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer after each household visit or community interaction

Disinfect all items

Designate a space for removing and cleaning clothing used during your outreach, remember disposable masks need to be discarded into a closed bin each day and not reused!

For more tips on risk communication and community engagement: https://communityengagementhub.org/what-we-do/novel-coronavirus/