



MYBC Covid Protocol

August 11th, 2021

This Protocol for the Missouri Young Birders Club is in accordance with the protocol set by the club's parent organization, the Missouri River Bird Observatory.

In light of the significant increase in Covid-19 cases driven by the highly contagious delta variant, as of August 9th, 2021 the Missouri River Bird Observatory has instituted new safety protocols. This is based on the following:

- The delta variant is measured at 2.5-4 times more communicable than previous forms of the novel coronavirus.
- Community transmission is extremely high throughout Missouri.
- Use of masks and observance of social distancing have dramatically decreased in the past two months.
- While still apparently rare, public health data are showing that vaccinated people have a higher likelihood of becoming infected with the delta variant than previous variants, and in some cases have a high enough viral load to be contagious.

The following protocol takes effect immediately (8/11/21) and will remain in place until further notice:

- MYBC will not host any indoor meetings or events.
- MYBC staff and volunteers will continue to attend/conduct outdoor events, however:
 - we will limit the number of participants to 10 young birders plus their accompanying parents or guardians
 - we will practice social distancing
 - we will wear, and encourage others to wear, masks in any situation where social distancing is not possible
 - we reserve the right to cancel our attendance at any event that will not meet our safety guidelines.