



2021 World Series of Birding Pandemic Guidelines

The COVID-19 pandemic is not over and it will not be over by May 2021. In fact, the virus is far more widespread now than it was a year ago. Although we are lifting the requirement to participate within ten miles from home, we urge all WSB participants to continue to follow strict COVID-19 precautions before, during and after this year's event. You are required to follow all federal, state and local COVID-19 guidelines.

No matter where you are participating on the Atlantic Flyway, please refer to the guidance provided by the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](https://www.cdc.gov). Specifically:

[Protect Yourself When Using Transportation | CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) (as of Feb. 17, 2021) –NOTE: Any changes/revisions from the CDC subsequent to this date superseded and/or replace this list. This site includes practical advice on staying safe in all forms of transportation, much of which can be applied to sharing vehicles during the WSB. Most importantly, it recommends:

- Wearing a mask and maintaining physical distancing, including within a vehicle, regardless of vaccination status, unless you are travelling with co-habitants and/or people within your safe “bubble.” ([Your Guide to Masks | CDC](https://www.cdc.gov))
- Frequently sanitizing your hands
- Sanitizing frequently touched surfaces within your vehicle (door handles, radio dials, cargo compartment release, etc.) throughout the day with disinfectant wipes
- Optimizing fresh air ventilation by keeping windows open and setting the vehicle's ventilation on non-recirculation mode.
- Eating and drinking when you're outside the vehicle and can safely unmask.

Specific to the WSB, we recommend against sharing equipment, including binoculars, spotting scopes, books and hand-held devices. It is best not to share food, not even Goldfish, the sacred sustenance of all WSB teams. 😊

If you are planning to travel to New Jersey for the World Series of Birding, please refer to the State's website here: [Are there travel restrictions to or from New Jersey? | FAQ \(nj.gov\)](https://www.nj.gov). This site includes recommended quarantine periods for those entering the state. As it states in BOLD, “The self-quarantine is voluntary, but **compliance is expected.**”

Please plan ahead to make safety a part of your WSB game plan. That way, you can focus on getting as many species as possible and having FUN!