

## Guidance on Clean Boats, Clean Waters Watercraft Inspections During COVID-19

This information is meant to provide recommendations for watercraft inspectors around the state who are [healthy](#) and want to conduct watercraft inspections. These guidelines provide ways to conduct watercraft inspections while following recommended safety precautions. However, please assess your own risk and be aware of [COVID-19 activity and hospital capacity](#) in your county or region. Watercraft inspection is a *voluntary* activity. Please put your health and safety first.

### **CBCW Trainings:**

- Conduct online OR hold outdoors in groups of 10 or less.
- Maintain at least 6 feet of distance from others.
- Confirm that attendees have self-screened for common COVID-19 symptoms.
- Require face coverings during in-person trainings.
  - If an attendee cannot wear a face covering due to documented health concerns, it is recommended that the individual wear a face shield.
- Travel to training separately, unless from within the same household.

### **CBCW Watercraft Inspectors:**

- Maintain at least 6 feet of distance from others and their boats/equipment.
  - If you are suddenly unable to maintain 6 feet of distance from others, remove yourself to a safe location where you can observe and allow your presence and friendly wave to be a positive reminder of AIS prevention for others.
- Use a face mask when there are additional people at the landing.
- Have access to hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol content).
- Assist boaters/anglers with plant removal as requested.
- Offer AIS brochures, stickers, or other publications to landing visitors.

### **Additional Resources:**

- Face masks are available for inspectors to [order online](#).
- Yard signs informing landing visitors of inspections and the safety precautions being taken are available to [order online](#).
- Review [CDC's instructions on proper methods for putting on and taking off face masks](#).

*If you have further questions, please contact your [local AIS Coordinator](#) (if uncertain, find out who that is [here](#)) or Erin McFarlane, Statewide CBCW Educator, at [erin.mcfarlane@uwsp.edu](mailto:erin.mcfarlane@uwsp.edu).*