CAS Covid-19 Protocols for Bird Walks and Other Outdoor Events

2020 has been a difficult year for all of us. In March, the Conococheague Audubon Society (CAS) suspended its remaining bird walks for the 2019-20 season due to the arrival of the Covid-19 virus. We hope to begin bird walks and other outdoor events sometime in the fall of 2020. In order to protect our participants, when we do begin to hold outdoor events, we will do so with the following new protocols. These protocols will remain in place until they are modified or suspended by the CAS Board of Directors.

- 1.Bird walks will be limited to 20 people (or even fewer people if our host requires it), including the Bird Walk Leader and his or her Assistant.
- 2. At the day-of sign-in for an event:
 - a. Each adult must sign in.
 - b. No one should sign for another adult.
 - c. Parents must sign on behalf of each child under 18 years of age.
- 3. All participants (or in the case of children, their parents) will be asked if they have any Covid-19 symptoms or have been exposed to someone with Covid-19 within the past **three** weeks. If a participant answers yes to either question, he or she will be asked to not participate in the event.
- 4. All participants must wear masks.
- 5. Social distancing of 6 feet will be enforced as best we can.
- 6. There will be no sharing of scopes and hand-outs.
- 7. We will provide hand sanitizer for each sign-in and disinfect pens and pencils after each use, or bring your own pen to sign in.

Please be aware that each person participates at his/her own risk and acknowledges that no one associated with Audubon is responsible for any illness or injury that may occur.

The Board of Directors Conococheague Audubon Society (Sept. 1, 2020)