Cape Cod Canal Clean-Up Safety Review

Dangers		Prevention
COVID-19	Infection and spread of Corona Virus (COVID-19)	 Wear a face covering Avoid crowding and maintain a distance of at least 6-feet. Wash your hands. Stay at home if not feeling well.
Slips, Trips and Falls	 Wet, slippery and unstable rocks in the rip-rap zone Steep embankments along the Canal Rocks and other debris hidden in vegetation 	 Watch your step. Use caution when working in wet or rocky areas. Wear sturdy footwear. Do NOT go into areas where you feel unsafe. Do NOT play in areas near the water
Cuts and Scrapes	 Broken glass, fishing hooks, old fishing knives, and scrap pieces of metal. Slippery wet rocks with barnacles. Thorny vegetation 	 Use grabbers and/or wear thick gloves. Do not mix sharp objects with 'safe' trash. Put in a separate container. Be aware of surroundings; wear long pants and sturdy, closed toe shoes
Bloodborne Pathogens	 Used needles and sharps and other biological material Human waste, used toilet paper, etc. 	 Use proper personal protective equipment to avoid direct contact with any blood or other bodily fluid. Dispose of needles in a sharps container. Do not pick up items unsafe to handle. Report it Clean-Up POC instead.
Poison Ivy, Mosquitoes & Ticks	 Oils from poison Ivy plants cause mild to severe skin irritations. Ticks and Mosquitoes may transmit various blood borne diseases such as Lyme Disease (Ticks) or EEE (Mosquitoes) 	 Be mindful of where you reach and walk, especially in high grass areas or places with thick vegetation. Watch out for plants with 3 leaves "Leaves of three let it be." Check your body thoroughly for ticks and remove any immediately. Cover up and/or wear insect repellant
Exposure SHOWY CLOUDY RAINY RAINY	Heat/SunCold/WindRain	 Check weather forecast. Know that it is usually windy along the Canal Properly hydrate Dress in layers. Wear sunscreen and/or a brimmed hat.
Service Road Safety	 Mixed-use recreation moving at various speeds Park Ranger and maintenance vehicles 	 Be alert for cyclists and vehicles. Look both ways before crossing. Move off to the side of the road when stopping.