

COVID-19 Volunteer Guidelines

The following guideline were established to allow ministry activities to continue with increased precautions to mitigate potential spread of the virus and keep volunteers and clients safe.

- Volunteers must sign up in advance and be approved by ministry leader in consultation with the appropriate committee of oversight and/or Pastor.
- Limited number of volunteers based on Covenant of Care Plan as determined by committee of oversight.
- Volunteers may be assigned to different teams (i.e. indoor/outdoor, scheduled volunteer times) to minimize cross-contact.
- Volunteers must follow CDC guidelines regarding precautions, adhering to the precautions that best fit their situation.
 - Volunteers are encouraged to maintain a minimum of 6 feet of distance from each other as much as possible, working in assigned areas and must remain in areas designated for ministry activities.
 - Volunteers who are not yet fully vaccinated must wear face coverings (i.e. masks) that cover the mouth and nose at all times indoors and any time social distancing cannot be maintained outdoors. The only exception to this requirement is actively leading live worship or recording audio for worship purposes using additional distancing guidelines as established by the Worship Committee and church staff.
 - Volunteers may be asked to adhere to increased precautions when volunteering with more vulnerable populations.
- Volunteer groups will disinfect work areas and restrooms before and after volunteering.
- Volunteers must meet the following requirements:
 - Be in good health with no symptoms of any illness, including fever
 - No known exposure to COVID-19 or, if exposed in the past 10 days, completion of monitoring symptoms and quarantine following current recommendations of CDC and DPH.
 - Adhere to CDC guidelines following any travel with attention to spread in areas visited, precautions taken, mode of transportation, and types of activities¹.
- Those who are at an increased risk for serious illness from COVID-19 as identified by the CDC², or who are caregivers for those who are high risk should discuss the risk level of their volunteer role with the ministry leader, elders, and/or pastor as a part of mutual discernment and to make any additional arrangements to ensure the health and safety of volunteers.

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html#after-travel>

² <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-increased-risk.html>