

COVID-19

Safety Protocols for Volunteers

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In the interest of public health and personal safety, Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity (TCHFH) has established the following safety protocols for all volunteer opportunities on site. These protocols are tailored to volunteer operations, using Minnesota Department of Labor (MN OSHA) and CDC COVID-19 guidelines.

Expectations for Persons Exposed To, or Exhibiting Symptoms of, COVID-19

STAY AT HOME!

Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 should isolate until a test can be taken. Additionally, the following guidelines are in place for those who have tested positive for COVID-19 or those who have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

CLOSE CONTACT • Vaccinated or Unvaccinated
No mandatory quarantine without symptoms. Take precaution for 10 days, including masks. Test on day 6+.
POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST • Vaccinated or Unvaccinated
Quarantine 5 days. Mask for an additional 5 days. Must test negative before returning in person to TCHFH site.

If you have any questions, or if you would like any clarification on what meets the above criteria, please contact your TCHFH contact before your arrival.

If Symptoms Appear While on Site or After a Day on Site

1. Immediately return home and contact your health care provider as appropriate.
2. Notify your TCHFH contact and site supervisor that you are experiencing symptoms.
3. Volunteer Management will ask who you have been in close contact with in the past two weeks.
4. Volunteer Management or your site supervisor will alert those who were in close contact.
5. Your health status will remain confidential.
6. Site may be shut down on short notice in accordance with Safety Policy.

PPE, Hygiene, & Distancing

Stay Safe While Volunteering

- Wash hands with soap and water frequently for at least 20 seconds.
 - TCHFH will provide adequate handwashing stations at all sites, including those without running water.
 - Hand sanitizer is recommended if handwashing is not available.
- Minimize contact with common surfaces (handles, etc.).
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover all coughs and sneezes with your elbow.

Vaccine and Testing Information

Following CDC guidance, vaccination and testing policies are not required but highly encouraged for volunteers joining us on site.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Masks are optional, regardless of vaccination status.
- As with all COVID-19 protocols, mask requirements may change based on case counts and public health guidance.

Additional Sanitation

- TCHFH staff will sanitize hard surfaces and all tools on site after each work shift.
- ReStore staff will clean and sanitize common areas, bathrooms, carts, and hard top surfaces on a regular basis and as needed. More thorough cleaning will take place during non-access hours.

If you have any further questions, please contact our volunteer coordinator at volunteer@tchabitat.org or 612-305-7114