



COVID-19 Policy and Precautions for Volunteers

We're excited to welcome back volunteers for in-person opportunities!

The health and safety of Mary's Place guests, volunteers, and staff are our priority! Proof of COVID-19 vaccination is required to volunteer at Mary's Place. Volunteers will be asked to provide a photo of their COVID-19 Vaccination Card. For recurring volunteer opportunities, we'll attach this photo to your Volunteer Hub profile. For group volunteer opportunities, we ask that proof of vaccination is presented on arrival. This requirement does not apply to volunteers that are participating in remote volunteer opportunities. Vaccine boosters are not required for volunteers.

To maintain a high level of safety, anyone volunteering at a Mary's Place site will be asked to:

- provide proof of a primary COVID-19 vaccination series
- wear a mask while on-site. We recommend an N95 or KN95 mask. Mary's Place can provide surgical masks.
- use proper hygiene practices and wash hands frequently.
- not attend a scheduled event should the volunteer feel unwell, show any symptoms of COVID-19, or are a close contact of a confirmed case within 48 hours prior to volunteer event date.

Our staff and guests follow the same protocols. In addition:

- volunteers should review the [Washington State Guidelines for Volunteers](#)
- volunteers are encouraged to use [the COVID self-screening tool](#)
- if an on-site volunteer receives a positive COVID test result or is exposed to someone with COVID within 48 hours post volunteering, please inform the Mary's Place volunteer team as soon as possible so that our procedures for contact tracing can be put into effect.
- if there is an on-site exposure, volunteers will be notified if they are deemed impacted by the Mary's Place Health Services team, and City and County guidelines.

Please note that we do not require our shelter guests to be vaccinated to receive shelter and services. While we offer regular COVID testing, there is a risk that a staff member or guest that you interact with while volunteering could have and transmit the virus.

Here is some additional information regarding the COVID vaccine and the current public health guidelines:

- <https://www.seattle.gov/mayor/covid-19/>
- <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19.aspx>

If you have any questions about these measures, please reach out to Javin Smith, Volunteer Engagement Director, at jsmith@marysplaceseattle.org. Thank you!!