

UW Volunteer COVID-19 Safety Guidelines

*This document is effective August 20, 2021 and supersedes the earlier safety guidelines document shared in August 2, 2021.

In response to the state's new COVID regulations, the University of Washington (UW) updated COVID safety guidelines. What does this mean for you as a UW volunteer? We've outlined specific updates that apply to your work below and encourage you to reach out if you have any questions about these changes. We value your safety above all else and want to make sure you feel comfortable as we move into this new phase.

Physical distancing

- **Physical distancing is no longer required, regardless of vaccination status.** Volunteers who are not fully vaccinated are encouraged to distance if in a crowded setting or in areas that are not well ventilated.

Face covering

- **Outdoors: A face covering is not required outdoors, regardless of vaccination status.** For non-vaccinated individuals, a face covering is encouraged when in crowded outdoor settings and where maintaining a physical distance between others is challenging.
- **All individuals are required to wear a face covering indoors, regardless of vaccination status.** This requirement is applicable indoors when other people are present and in all public and common areas, including, but not limited to lobbies, hallways, stairways, restrooms, elevators, and in shared vehicles.

Vaccine verification

- **UW volunteers are not required to be vaccinated against COVID-19.**
- **Volunteers may complete the vaccination attestation form if they plan to perform official volunteer duties indoors without a face covering at some point in the future. Currently, face masks are required indoors, regardless of vaccination status.** Vaccination rates at the UW will be a significant factor in ongoing decisions regarding masks and other health measures, so please attest to your vaccination status if you choose to get vaccinated. The vaccine attestation form is available in the Volunteer Toolbox- please complete and send your form to alinhart@uw.edu to verify vaccination status.

Attestation

- **Daily symptom attestation is no longer required, however individuals should self-monitor and should not perform volunteer activities if they are ill.**

As always, we greatly appreciate your commitment to this work and your cooperation with our programs' safety guidelines over the past year and a half. In the COVID-19 landscape, the only thing we know for sure is that things continue to evolve and change. Thus, these UW guidelines will remain in effect until further notice. ***In addition, volunteers are required to follow all local guidance in the county in which you monitor.***

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.