

# VOLUNTEER SAFETY

Safety is our top priority during the COVID-19 community response. We are monitoring [CDC](#), [Florida Health](#) and local guidelines. Please visit their sites for the most up-to-date information.

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## Please DO NOT Volunteer In-Person If Any of the Following Apply to You:

1. If you currently are sick or feeling unwell or have been near someone who is sick.
2. If you currently are in the [high-risk category for COVID-19](#)
3. If you or anyone in your household have traveled internationally in recent weeks
4. If you or anyone in your household have traveled to highly impacted areas of the United States in recent weeks
5. If you or anyone in your household have been in close contact with anyone who is confirmed to have COVID-19

If none of the conditions apply to you and you are comfortable volunteering, please sign-up for a volunteer project.

## BEFORE ARRIVING:

- CALL ahead to the service agency and ask if any additional safety precautions should be taken before, during and after the shift.
- ALLOW extra time for additional screening from organizations (if required) to make sure you are cleared to volunteer for the task.
- REALIZE that shifts or opportunities may be canceled; especially volunteer opportunities working with vulnerable populations. Please be gracious and understanding.

## ONCE ONSITE:

- Clean and wash your hands before, during, and after volunteering.
  - DO NOT shake hands or have physical contact with anyone while participating in the volunteer project.
  - DO clean any used spaces thoroughly before and after, including tabletop surfaces and doorknobs/handles.
- DO use proper [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#) if needed for the task.
- DO maintain 6-10 foot separation from others while conducting the task.
  - ASK about any risk that may be associated with the task and DO NOT take part if you are uncomfortable with the level of risk.
  - If showing signs of illness, please be understanding if volunteer project managers ask you to leave.
- If you must stay home for the safety of our community, we may have remote/digital volunteer opportunities that you may find on our [QuickSearch](#) page .

**Whether you're staying home and abiding by social distancing guidelines or volunteering while following safety guidelines, we thank you for your service.**