

JFS Volunteer Connections Program

COVID19 Guidelines

Updated May 12, 2022

The following guidelines have been established to ensure the health and safety of our staff, clients, program participants, and volunteers. All recommendations within this approved plan were made according to the current CDC and NCDHHS guidelines, along with the JFRC Medical Advisory Committee.

Up to date information for all Federation activities can be found at <https://www.shalomraleigh.org/community-health>

All JFS Volunteers

- All volunteers are encouraged to get the COVID-19 vaccines and booster, to reduce risk to themselves, to others and to the community.
- **All Volunteers engaged in a front-facing volunteer activity (i.e- assigned to visit a client in-person, working at the JFS offices, etc.) are asked to provide a proof of vaccination to be kept on file. If unavailable, volunteer must be assigned to virtual work.**
- If recently exposed to or diagnosed with COVID-19, we ask that you follow current CDC guidelines for isolation and quarantine before entering a Federation facility, attending a Federation program, or volunteering with us.
- Use of face coverings is now based on your personal preference. However, if you are visiting clients in their home, please discuss their and your preference with them ahead of time to ensure everyone's health and safety.
- Volunteers who are handling food must wear a face covering.
- Surgical grade masks are available at all Federation facilities.
- Volunteers are encouraged to practice good hand hygiene and cleaning of personal and shared surfaces.

Protocol for COVID-19 exposure or illness

Volunteers should not engage in any in-person work if they are experiencing symptoms associated with COVID19 until they have been cleared by the Volunteer Coordinator.

If recently exposed, diagnosed with or experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19 we ask that you follow current CDC guidelines for testing and isolation before entering a Federation facility, attending a Federation program, or volunteering with us.

Guidelines for Specific Volunteer Opportunities

Friendly/Shabbat Visiting

- In-person friendly/Shabbat visiting can now resume; face coverings are optional, but please check in with the client you are visiting for their preference.
- **Volunteers assigned to visit a client in-person (friendly visiting, Shabbat Services) are asked to provide a proof of vaccination to be kept on file. If unavailable, volunteer must be assigned to virtual work.**
- Before scheduling in-person visiting, the Volunteer Coordinator and/or volunteer will discuss guidelines and safety measures with both client and volunteer and will gauge comfort level or any safety risks.

Shabbat Services at Senior Communities

- In-person Shabbat Services can now resume indoors at participating local Senior Communities, if these communities have resumed it; Virtual Shabbat Services will continue if the Senior Living Community is not allowing visitors.

- **Volunteers assigned provide in-person Shabbat services are asked to provide a proof of vaccination to be kept on file. If unavailable, volunteer must be assigned to virtual work.**
- Before resuming services in-person, the Volunteer Coordinator and/or volunteer will discuss guidelines and safety measures with both volunteer and Community and will gauge comfort level or any safety risks.
- Before and during any in-person Shabbat Service, volunteers will follow the guidelines provided by JFS and the Senior Living community.

Food Delivery & Food Pantry volunteers:

- All food deliveries remain as porch drop offs. When delivering a Mitzvah Meal/food bag, please leave at the door, and as always- do not enter the recipient's home. All clients have been made aware of this guideline.
- All volunteers must remain in their cars when picking up food bags or Mitzvah Meals. The meal/bag will be brought to you by our staff.
- Volunteers who are handling food must wear a face covering.

Food Pantry and other JFS Office Opportunities:

- Volunteers can now resume assisting JFS indoors with volunteer tasks such as food pantry organization and stocking, administrative tasks etc.
- **Volunteers assigned to work in the JFS offices are asked to provide a proof of vaccination to be kept on file. If unavailable, volunteer must be assigned to virtual work.**
- Volunteers who are handling food must wear a face covering.

For any questions or concerns with these guidelines, please contact JFS Volunteer Coordinator, Tracy Jacobsen at 919-676-2295 ext. 124 or email Tracy.Jacobsen@shalomraleigh.org or JFS Director, Limor Schwartz at 919-676-2295 ext. 120 or email Limor.Schwartz@shalomraleigh.org

Volunteer Acknowledgment of COVID Guidelines

I have reviewed these protocols and understand that I must follow them when volunteering at any capacity with JFS to ensure the safety and health of our volunteers, clients, staff and community. I will report any COVID19 exposure or illness to the JFS Volunteer Coordinator.

Name of volunteer

Signature

Date