



August 6, 2021

Dear Volunteers,

The Village of Oak Park Health Department released updated masking guidance and mandates as of August 6, 2021 in regard to the recent surge in COVID-19 cases.

As an essential organization we have remained open throughout the pandemic to meet the emergency food needs of our community. We have also followed the scientific advice of the CDC and our local health authorities in implementing suggested COVID-19 policy. We've relied on you heavily during this time and are grateful for your diligence in following guidelines to keep everyone safe.

In accordance with these updated mandates please observe and continue to observe the following protocols during your shifts:

- We urge all of our volunteers and our community members to get vaccinated, to protect yourselves and others from the effects of COVID-19.
- As you arrive and periodically throughout your shift wash and sanitize your hands.
- Continue to wear a mask throughout your shift whether working inside, outside, or off-site.
- Maintain social distancing protocols throughout your shift.
- If you are fully vaccinated and test positive for COVID-19, even if asymptomatic please remain at home for 7 days in accordance with CDC recommendations.
- Stay home if you are feeling ill, including minor cold symptoms.

We have not increased our occupancy since the beginning of the pandemic, and we will continue to maintain limited attendance onsite. If you have any questions regarding our COVID-19 policies, please do not hesitate to reach out to me personally.

Thank you for your hard work. I can't express how grateful we are for each of you doing your part to keep our community safe and healthy and fed.

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