COVID Health & Safety Precautions

Safety is our utmost priority at Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. In line with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Pennsylvania Department of Health, effective Monday, March 14, 2022, mask requirements will be lifted for all Food Bank employees, volunteers and guests. The new guidance is based on “community levels” of COVID-19.

**Low** - Wear a mask based on your personal preference, informed by your personal level of risk

**Medium** - If you are immunocompromised or at high risk for severe illness
- Talk to your healthcare provider about additional precautions, such as wearing masks or respirators indoors in public
- If you live with or have social contact with someone at high risk for severe illness, consider testing yourself for infection before you get together and wearing a mask when indoors with them.

**High** - Wear a well-fitting mask indoors in public, regardless of vaccination status or individual risk (including in K-12 schools and other community settings)
- Wear a mask or respirator that provides you with greater protection if you are immunocompromised or at high risk for severe illness

U.S. COVID-19 Community Levels by County Map
The following are additional protocols to ensure the safety and protection of our staff and volunteers:

- You are still able to wear a mask if you prefer.
- Volunteers are still not required to provide proof of vaccination but are encouraged to be vaccinated.
- You should still watch out for symptoms of COVID-19, especially if you’ve been around someone who is sick. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should get tested and stay home and away from others. *(Please note - Temperature checks will not be required upon entering the building).*
- Please be respectful of the personal space of your co-workers, our volunteers and anyone else who is a visitor of our facility. We ask that you continue to practice social distancing as best possible.
- People who are at high risk or are taking medications that weaken the immune system should take all the proper precautions to prevent COVID-19.

As an organization we will continue to monitor community levels across our entire 11-county service area. If the community level in one of our counties is designated as high, we will implement a masking mandate in that county.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our mission and our neighbors in need. Please contact a member of the volunteer team if you have any additional questions. You can reach the team by email at volunteer@pittsburghfoodbank.org or by phone at 412-745-7600.

Sincerely,

The Volunteer Team