



Guidelines for Volunteers During the COVID-19 Response

United Way of Pierce County is focused on keeping community volunteers and their families safe during this public health emergency. We understand that those who have not been impacted by the virus, or who may have recovered from the virus, may want to help others. These are general guidelines, adapted from Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD), designed to keep you safe so you can help others, enabling us all to get through this crisis together.

Primary goals for these guidelines:

- ✓ Protect volunteers and their families
- ✓ Protect those being served and their families
- ✓ Protect nonprofit organizations and their staff & families

General Guidelines for Volunteers

- DO NOT attempt to volunteer for any activity if in the last 14 days you have:
 - Traveled to any foreign country or may have been exposed to COVID-19 in the community
 - Been on a cruise or been in an airport
 - Been around anyone who has COVID-19
 - Been to an event where more than 250 people were in attendance.
- DO NOT show up for any volunteer activity without confirming there is a need for the activity, that it will be conducted, and that volunteer support is needed and expected.
- DO use UWPC's [Get Connected](#) online volunteer management system, where you can review active volunteer needs and respond to needs to let nonprofit organizations know you want to help.
- DO wait for a confirmation from the nonprofit organization to which you responded to ensure they are prepared to have you serve.
- EXPECT that shifts or opportunities may be changed or cancelled; especially volunteer opportunities working with vulnerable populations (children, seniors, etc.).
- DO practice universal infection control precautions. Clean and wash your hands before, during and after volunteering.
- DO clean any used spaces thoroughly before and after, including table top surfaces and door knobs/handles.
- DO use proper personal protection equipment as needed for the task (gloves, face mask, etc.).
- 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.