

COVID-19 Safety Protocols

Due to COVID-19, our need for volunteers is great but so is our commitment to the safety of our volunteers, team members, and community-at-large. Please read the following updates:

- At this time and until further notice, volunteers and staff alike are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. While proof of vaccination is not required, we request that all volunteers use the honor system. People are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose in a two-dose series, such as Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson's Janssen vaccine.
- While volunteers are in high demand, we are exercising an abundance of caution to ensure the safety of our community. Your wellbeing is important to us, so if you are experiencing any cold, flu or COVID-like symptoms, or have been exposed to someone that tested positive, please follow the CDC's current recommendations and stay at home.
- All volunteers will be given a no-touch temperature check upon arrival with our thermal scanner. Volunteers with a temperature of 100.4° Fahrenheit or above will be asked to leave our facility and monitor their symptoms.
- The Buncombe County mask mandate has officially expired, and as such, masks are no longer required to enter MANNA FoodBank's facility. However, we ask that anyone who is unvaccinated or currently experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 stay home to best protect the health of our volunteers, staff members, and neighbors. Those who feel more comfortable wearing a mask while in public spaces are welcome to continue masking at our facility.
- While volunteer activities will continue as scheduled, we have greatly reduced our volunteer shift size to practice social distancing as best we can given the nature of the work.
- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 after recently volunteering at MANNA FoodBank, please call the Volunteer Manager as soon as possible, 828-774-5911. In the case a volunteer has tested positive, we will promptly notify all of the volunteers who were here during that shift and encourage everyone to monitor their symptoms and to get tested.

We continue to monitor CDC guidelines regularly to ensure we are following the very latest COVID prevention recommendations and safety protocols and will update any internal food bank policies as needed. Thank you for your patience as we continue to navigate the pandemic and we look forward to seeing your smiling faces!