

Volunteer & Intern COVID Safety & Prevention through Vaccines

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is the Volunteer Center asking for this information? Under new State and Local COVID Safety rules, in order to curb the pandemic and protect vulnerable people, all agencies providing services in health care, to youth or people with special needs must require ALL STAFF – paid or unpaid, direct or support service – who may come into direct contact with youth, medically sensitive people, or are providing health care related services are vaccinated. Rather than screening people each time they come to our site, we are asking you to let us know your vaccination status this one time, so we can make sure your assignment is in line with the new rules.

Must I be vaccinated to Volunteer with the Volunteer Center? For some positions, yes. If you want to volunteer working at one of our sites, or in person with people at our site or in the community for our programs you must be vaccinated per new State Safety Guidance. We have other positions that do not require vaccines working remotely, or with other agencies, or outdoors.

What if I don't want to share this information? That is perfectly understandable. If you are currently volunteering in person, we can work on a remote schedule or reassignment. If you are just joining us, let us know this preference and we will find an option for you that does not require coming into in person contact with people. Please remember that certain of our volunteer positions will only be open to vaccinated persons at this time.

What will happen to the information I provide to you? This information will be kept strictly confidential and used only by program managers to make sure volunteer assignments are in compliance with the new safety guidance.

What if I want to get vaccinated, but don't know where to go? We have a list of free vaccine locations or can help you access an appointment through www.MyTurnCalifornia.

What if my status changes because I choose to get vaccinated? Just let us know at any time and we can adjust your assignment accordingly.

How long will these rules be in place? We are not in control of the timing and are doing everything we can to help end the pandemic. We are following the scientific evidence that masking, social distancing, increasing the percent of the population who are vaccinated and limiting exposure to unvaccinated persons is the surest path to controlling the spread of COVID in our community.