



September 17, 2021

Re: ALERT – The FriendShip's New COVID-19 Guidance

Dear Members and Volunteers,

This is an important update to the August 20, 2021 message. Extremely high COVID-19 rates in our area, concerns about waning vaccine effectiveness, and breakthrough cases continue. Local governments now have implemented mask requirements and physical distancing.

In order to best protect our members and volunteers, the Board has decided to institute the safety precautions listed below, effective immediately. The situation will be reassessed at the October 12, 2021 Board meeting, and the Board also is establishing an Ad Hoc committee to stay informed of the changing COVID-19 situation in our area and provide guidance as our practices may need further revision.

- **Mask wearing is required for all** – The FriendShip is REQUIRING that all members and volunteers who are able wear a mask (including those who are fully immunized) during programs, meetings, and services. It is critical that masks are worn correctly, consistently covering the wearer's nose and mouth.
- **Keep physical distancing** – Physical distancing of six feet is expected in meetings and programs. During transportation, it is requested that passengers who are able ride in the back seat on the passenger side.
- **Be mindful of other safety precautions for gatherings**
 - Activities involving eating or drinking are temporarily suspended.
 - Zoom meetings are preferred, but, with the above protections in place, in-person meetings and programs may cautiously continue.

We know that the continued need for vigilance is both critical and also a strain on all of us. We will continue to work to keep each other safe and also to support one another during these trying times.

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for one another. During these difficult times, The FriendShip truly has been a source of strength for our members and volunteers.

Sincerely,

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President, The FriendShip's Board of Directors