

Operations Update – Approved June 8, 2021



The FriendShip's (TFS) goal with this revised document from the TFS Board is to update guidance for activities and services we provide. The safety and wellbeing of members, volunteers, the staff member of TFS, church and staff members at St. John's Episcopal Church which houses the TFS office, as well as the community at large are our priority.

General Guidelines for TFS Operations:

1. All volunteers and members are expected to:
 - a. Wear face masks in public until fully immunized, defined as 2 weeks after both doses for 2-dose vaccines or 2 weeks following a single dose vaccine as the CDC guidelines state. For newly approved vaccines or expectations of Booster vaccination, TFS will continue to follow CDC Guidance.
 - b. TFS is a diverse community with different individual health risks. Some members and volunteers may continue to isolate, while others resume activities. We respect the right of each member and volunteer to decide what feels safe for themselves. We ask that you also respect individual differences and needs.
 - c. Please note that some businesses do still require masking for entry. In addition, some volunteers may continue to mask and ask you to do so. Please, have one ready. (As of June 2021, all health care facilities presently do require masks.)
2. Accountability – Please be honest about your vaccination status and **mask if you are not** fully vaccinated. Be honest and kind to each other as we put health and safety first.
3. This is “common sense”, but please, do not share an illness. If you feel ill and are scheduled for a service, please cancel. We are happy to reschedule. Contact the office at 803-602-6434.
4. If you are not vaccinated and do have a known close contact exposure to someone who is ill (such as positive test for COVID-19), please self-isolate for 10 days and decline to receive or provide services for that period.
5. We will do our best to respect your privacy, but if you gave or received a recent volunteer service and you *test COVID-19 positive*, please notify the FriendShip Office. We will need to notify those who might have been exposed.

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Group Gatherings:

1. Groups may gather outdoors, where masking is by individual preference, since this is a lower risk setting for airborne transmission of any infection.
2. Indoor group meetings indoors may resume; **please mask** if you are **not vaccinated**.
3. **For the fully immunized**, dining together is acceptable, including at restaurants.

In-home Services:

1. If possible, please contact The FriendShip Office three days in advance of any service requests at **803-602-6434**.
2. For home visits **for the fully immunized**, volunteers & members do not need to mask. If you are not immunized fully, please do continue to mask.

Transportation Services:

1. As always, request transportation services by contacting The FriendShip office three days in advance and advise us of all expected stops. Please let the office volunteer or Eleanor Stein, our Services Coordinator, know if you will need physical assistance with packages, such as groceries, brought into the home. Contact the office at **803-602-6434**.
2. Generally, drivers do not make unplanned stops during transportation services.

Volunteering in The FriendShip Office:

1. Regular office staffing has resumed. Contact the office at **803-602-6434**. The office schedule is 9 am to 1 pm, Monday through Friday.
2. After working in the office, please wipe down frequently touched surfaces – telephone, counters, keyboards/computer mouse, doorknobs, and such – with a sanitizing cleanser.

Thank you for your support and engagement.

Together, we can continue to meet needs and enjoy social connections,
even in challenging times.