



June 6, 2022

Re: The FriendShip's COVID-19 Guidance Update  
From: The FriendShip's Board of Directors  
To: Members and Volunteers

The FriendShip is continuing to monitor the situation related to COVID-19 in our area. Richland County has recently moved from a CDC community level of “low” back to “medium.” In response to this change, The FriendShip will return to the safety precautions previously used when the level was “medium,” as outlined below.

The CDC offers the following guidance for people living in a community at the "medium" level:

- If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions.
- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines.
- Get tested if you have symptoms.

As we monitor the situation in our area, we will adjust our guidance again, as needed, based on CDC recommendations.

**Our expectation is that all members and volunteers will stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines.** In addition, please follow the guidelines below:

- **Mask wearing requirements**
  - **Required indoors** – The FriendShip requires that all members and volunteers (including those who are fully immunized) who are able wear a mask during *indoor* programs, meetings, and services (including inside vehicles). Please wear your mask correctly, consistently covering the nose and mouth.
  - **Optional outdoors** – The wearing of masks is not required for outdoor gatherings. Their use outdoors is optional based on individual preference.

- **Safety precautions for gatherings**
  - Indoor activities involving eating or drinking are temporarily suspended.
  - Outdoor activities with food and drink may continue.
- **Follow the CDC’s guidelines** – The FriendShip will follow, at a minimum, the CDC’s guidance related to COVID-19 safety practices.
  - Please refer to the CDC for information related to such things as exposure, isolation, and quarantine guidance.
  - You can track your county’s “COVID-19 community levels” (i.e., high, medium, or low) on the CDC’s website, as well as find prevention steps recommended at each level.
- **Take advantage of COVID-19 testing options and free at-home tests** – If you have symptoms or have been exposed, please take advantage of local testing options. You can also visit COVIDtests.gov to order free at-home tests.
- **Cancel services when needed** – Cancel services if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to COVID-19.

**If you have questions about the information above or need help accessing resources, please contact The FriendShip office at 803-602-6434.**

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