



The health and safety of our employees, volunteers and the people we serve remains a top priority for the Food Bank of Northern Nevada. Therefore, while we will continue our efforts to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we are updating our mask policy in accordance with CDC and State of Nevada guidelines.

Effective immediately, the following outlines the Food Bank of Northern Nevada's policy regarding vaccinations and/or the wearing of masks.

We will be operating under the honor system and from a place of trust. We expect that you as a volunteer or visitor will adhere to these guidelines out of respect for other volunteers, our staff and clients. Many people in our community may experience health conditions that make them vulnerable and we do not want to put them at greater risk.

Fully VACCINATED volunteers and visitors are not required to wear masks. We urge you to carry a photo or copy of your vaccination card when volunteering.

UNVACCINATED volunteers and visitors are required to wear masks; this includes any person under the age of twelve (12).

We fully support those VACCINATED individuals who personally choose to continue wearing masks for their own safety. We ask that respect and kindness be granted to those who choose to wear a mask and those who may not be vaccinated.

Gloves and closed-toed shoes remain a requirement when volunteering. The Food Bank will continue to provide disposable gloves and make disposable masks available to any volunteer vaccinated or not.

Any employee of the Food Bank who is not wearing a mask has been verified as completing their COVID vaccination and are now considered fully vaccinated.

Definition of Fully Vaccinated

The CDC considers people are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 ≥ 2 weeks after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or ≥ 2 weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson [J&J]/Janssen)[±]; there is currently no post-vaccination time limit on fully vaccinated status. Unvaccinated people refers to individuals of all ages, including children, that have not completed a vaccination series or received a single-dose vaccine.

[\(Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People | CDC\)](#)

If you don't meet these requirements, regardless of your age, you are NOT fully vaccinated. Keep taking all precautions which includes wearing a mask until you are fully vaccinated.

Although the risk that fully vaccinated people could become infected with COVID-19 is low, any fully vaccinated person who experiences symptoms consistent with COVID-19 we respectfully ask that you do not volunteer until you are symptom free.

Please note we reserve the right to ask volunteers or visitors to wear a mask should a situation warrant it.

As always, we are grateful for your time and service to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada. Together, we are ending hunger.

Thank you!

The Food Bank Team