

ROOF ABOVE

Room in the Inn 2021-2022 COVID Protocols

Vaccination: All neighbors ages 12 and older must have received full vaccination before utilizing the Room in the Inn program (RITI). Vaccination status will be confirmed through vaccination card or the Health Department. For unvaccinated individuals, we will be encouraging and promoting vaccinations through periodic on-site clinics at the Day Services Center and by sharing the locations of other nearby sites.

Vaccination of RITI volunteers and staff are not required but are highly encouraged. We recognize many host sites already have their own vaccine and testing protocols in place. Please have volunteers consider their age, vulnerability, and amount of time they will spend in group volunteer settings. Given that RITI guests who are ages 12 and older will be vaccinated, we feel the risk to our neighbors experiencing homelessness is mitigated.

COVID Testing: We will test children using Room in the Inn who are unvaccinated through antigen cheek swabs regularly, which will mean at least once a week and potentially as often as nightly. We are exploring options for testing all vaccinated RITI guests with some regularity, taking into account time, cost, and administrative factors.

Masking: Masking will be required for all guests and volunteers *regardless of vaccination status* during the Intake process at the Day Services Center, at the host site, and while inside a vehicle. Masks are not required while eating, showering, or sleeping.

Social Distancing: We will adapt our facility layout to promote proper social distancing and limit the indoor capacity of our Intake building. We encourage social distancing while eating inside or, if weather permits, outside. We are also asking that sleeping areas be socially distanced to the maximum extent practical. The CDC recommends guests' faces be 6 feet apart.

Quarantine: If a guest tests positive, they will immediately be offered a quarantine location. A Roof Above staff member will work with the Health Department to notify the coordinators of impacted host sites as soon as possible. The identity of the person who has tested positive will be kept confidential, unless the sharing of the information is necessary for contact tracing per Health Department guidance and/or the individual consents to disclosure. Likewise, if a host site learns that a volunteer has tested positive, the host site should contact Roof Above as soon as possible, and we will coordinate with the Health Department about contact tracing.

Further, to assist with contact tracing if the need arises, we are asking all host sites to keep a log of all volunteers who participate during a given night / morning (along with related in and out times).

For a guest or volunteer to return to the program after an initial positive COVID test result, the individual must complete the quarantine period required by the Health Department.