



## **VOLUNTEERING IN-PERSON SAFELY DURING COVID-19**

CAPITOL HILL VILLAGE – UPDATED AUGUST 2020

*Capitol Hill Village is slowly resuming volunteer activities, with additional protocols for the safety of our members, volunteers, and broader community. We strive to be as cautious as possible; however, there is some risk involved in any person-to-person interaction at this time. Please read the following document carefully to ensure that you are ready to volunteer or receive volunteer services.*

### **WHO CAN VOLUNTEER?**

- CHV members without conditions that place them in higher-than-average risk categories.
- Non-member community members, including professionals who are unemployed or working significantly different schedules due to COVID-19.

NOTE: All volunteers undergo a background check in order to begin service with us, including a driving record check for volunteers who are interested in providing transportation. We expect records to be clean within the past five years, as we believe any prior record to be circumstantial and not characteristic. \*

### **WHAT'S DIFFERENT?**

Be prepared to answer more questions about your health, social, and hygiene habits when you call to request a volunteer to help you or when you answer the call to volunteer!

- Both the member requesting service and the volunteer **must** not be experiencing any flu-like symptoms nor have had known exposure to COVID-19 in the last fourteen days.
- Both the member requesting service and the volunteer **must** wear face masks.
- Both the member requesting service and the volunteer **must** practice social distancing.

We additionally recommend...

- Both parties take special care not to touch their faces.
- Both parties practice excellent hand hygiene.
- Service should take place outdoors if at all possible.
- Volunteer should bring their own water bottle if service is happening outdoors, especially in the sweltering District heat and humidity.
- Member requesting service should refrain from hospitality, such as offering cookies, inviting the volunteer inside unnecessarily, etc.
- Service should be limited to no more than fifteen minutes if indoors and one hour if outdoors, provided social distancing can be maintained.

We are **not** currently offering transportation services to through our volunteer program, except on a high-need case-by-case basis. Volunteers who are willing to accept a higher risk by inviting a member into their vehicle will have additional protocol that can be discussed with Capitol Hill Village staff.

*\*At Capitol Hill Village, we recognize our justice system does not treat everyone as equals under the law. To be inclusive to our community, if this standard poses a challenge for your wish to volunteer, we want to hear from you! If you have a record that you want us to be aware of and discuss prior to undergoing a volunteer check, please email Volunteer and Programs Coordinator Jacquelyn Smith at [jsmith@capitolhillvillage.org](mailto:jsmith@capitolhillvillage.org)*