



## The Children's Heart Foundation COVID-19 Position Statement

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The Children's Heart Foundation (CHF) has resumed events and activities. Concurrently, large parts of the country are beginning to experience another wave of COVID-19 infections and variants. With this in mind, CHF supports following CDC guidelines when planning and attending events.

**Please find our guidance for CHF volunteers, staff, and participants, in alignment with CDC guidelines, below<sup>1</sup>:**

- 1) Per CDC guidelines, we recommend that both vaccinated and unvaccinated people wear masks indoors in areas with significant community spread and/or "substantial" or "high" coronavirus transmission. The guidance for people who are unvaccinated remains the same: Always wear a mask indoors and in public places.
  - We understand that protocols may vary from state to state, but we continue to urge you to wear masks, especially if you are not vaccinated.
- 2) If you have not already, we encourage you to get your COVID-19 vaccine before attending CHF events. Please encourage your family and friends to do the same.
- 3) Follow current guidance from the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov) and your state and local health officials.
  - All CHF staff are and will continue to follow CDC guidelines, along with guidelines from their state and local health officials.
- 4) Please do not attend in-person events if you or a family member is sick, or has recently been exposed to someone infected with COVID-19. For many events, you will still be able to participate virtually.
- 5) Please continue the basic infection control measures, including:
  - Avoid activities that would require sustained face to face contact; Continue to practice social distancing of at least 6 feet apart.
  - [Wash your hands](#) or use hand sanitizer frequently.
  - Minimize touching surfaces when out in public.
  - Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue and then throw it away and wash hands. If you don't have a tissue handy, cough or sneeze into your long sleeve at the elbow fold.
  - Try not to touch your mouth, nose, or eyes.

The health and safety of our volunteers, staff, and event attendees remains our top priority and we will continue to assess these guidelines and protocols on an event by event basis.

If you have not done so yet, please visit the [CDC website](https://www.cdc.gov) for the most up to date resources, including information on getting vaccinated.

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<sup>1</sup> *These statements are subject to change and will be updated in accordance with new CDC guidance.*