

**To:** IAS Stewards  
**From:** Jim Herkert & Kaleb Baker  
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**RE:** Updated COVID procedures for IAS Stewardship and stewards

This document updates the October 30, 2020 guidance and will be updated as needed to reflect our current stewardship needs and recommended safe health practices.

1. We will not be asking volunteers to provide verification of receiving the vaccine unless we are advised to do so by the IDPH.
2. Indoors: CDC and IDPH recommend that both unvaccinated and fully vaccinated people wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission. The status of counties can change daily. If you are unsure about the Level of Community Transmission that day, wear a mask indoors. Level of Community Transmission status can be found here for Illinois: <https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-transmission> and here for the U.S.: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

3. Outdoors: If you are fully vaccinated (at least 2 weeks past your final dose), you are no longer required to wear a mask outdoors unless working closely with those under the age of 12.

If you are not fully vaccinated (less than 2 weeks past your final dose) or are near individuals under the age of 12, you must continue to social distance or wear a mask when within 6 feet of others.

Please keep a mask with you at all times. Out of courtesy, if someone shares with you that they are uncomfortable, please do your part by wearing your mask, meeting outdoors, and keeping socially distanced.

4. While group sizes will not be limited at IAS Sanctuaries across the state, each Local Stewardship Committee or partner organization may set a maximum group size.
5. If you believe you have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 (i.e., you have been within 6 feet of the individual for a prolonged period or was exposed to respiratory droplets (e.g., were coughed on), including a household member:
  - For those who are fully vaccinated: fully vaccinated volunteers who are exposed to the coronavirus do not require testing or quarantining if they remain asymptomatic. If symptomatic, you should self-quarantine.
  - For those who are not vaccinated: you should self-quarantine for 10 days per CDC guidelines.