

COVID-19 Vaccine and Testing Requirements

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All ASP volunteers are required to provide proof of full vaccination OR proof of negative COVID-19 test results to their Trip Coordinator in advance of departing for an ASP trip.

Category 1) All volunteers age 65+, OR those defined as “increased risk” (See CDC site for details: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html>) are **required** to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 by no later than 14 days ahead of the ASP trip date. **Verification** must be provided to the **Trip Coordinator on or before departure day**.

Category 2) All volunteers not yet fully vaccinated are **required** to be tested for COVID-19 within **4 days of their trip date**. Verification of a negative test must be provided to the Trip Coordinator on or before departure day. (Testing is not required for those who have recovered from a documented case of COVID-19 within 90 days of the trip date as long as no symptoms are present.) Additionally, we ask volunteers to quarantine as much as possible between their test date and departure date.

Update as of 4/23/2021:

We have also been in communication with our local communities and an Advisory Council comprised of medical professionals. Both have expressed support for our work this summer as well as their recommendations for safely and respectfully hosting volunteers in local communities. We are encouraged by the availability of vaccines for those over the age of 16. Therefore, we **strongly encourage all eligible ASP participants to be vaccinated prior to arrival in Appalachia**. We understand that every person must choose to do what is best for their health, faith, and philosophy. However, since COVID-19 cases are still prevalent throughout the country and because we work in a region where access to quality healthcare can be a challenge, we must take safety into account now more than ever to avoid putting anyone at an undue risk.

Rest assured, we are also prioritizing working on homes in which all eligible residents have been fully vaccinated and have asked that our summer staff and cooks be vaccinated as well.

ASP will continue seeking out the advice and recommendations of healthcare professionals, the CDC, WHO, and local health departments as we enact protocols for the summer. We will stay in communication with you about any changes or updates to these procedures. Thank you for your flexibility and grace as we navigate this new reality and seek to provide exceptional transformational experiences for all.