

# COVID-19 UPDATE

## HABITAT CHOPTANK

### CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS



Dear Volunteers, Supporters & Friends,

Effective May 15th, the State of Maryland adopted CDC guidance that fully vaccinated individuals may resume activities with State health officials continuing to recommend unvaccinated individuals wear face coverings. This order issued by Governor Hogan took effect along with lifting of all capacity limits and restrictions.

To this end, **effective July 1**, in accordance with the Governor's Executive orders, the Maryland Department of Health, and the CDC, **masks will be optional for fully vaccinated staff, volunteers, shoppers, donors, and visitors to Habitat Choptank sites and locations including our jobsites, Trappe office, and ReStore located at 8610 Commerce Drive in Easton.**

**Masks are however, still strongly recommended for unvaccinated volunteers, clients and donors, for our affiliate office, jobsites, community sponsored events, and our ReStore.** In an effort to respect everyone's right to privacy, Habitat Choptank will not require proof of vaccination. However, we are counting on the integrity of those who believe in our mission to follow this guidance based on their vaccination status. **If you or your child are not vaccinated, we ask that you continue to wear a mask and practice social distancing, out of care and respect for those around you who may remain at risk.**

While we are all eager to return to some semblance of normalcy, **we ask that our staff, volunteers and supporters continue to demonstrate our value of love - through word and action - toward each other and our dedicated staff during this transition forward.** Please remember some individuals may continue to wear a mask because they are mid-vaccine or simply because this past year, they experienced less sickness and choose to wear a mask as an extra precautionary measure.

**No matter your vaccination status, we encourage you to practice the health and safety measures that make you most comfortable.** If you are immunocompromised, it

is recommended that you continue wearing a mask in all public settings.

**If you are not feeling well, whether you have been vaccinated or not, we ask that you postpone any visit or scheduled work at our job sites, affiliate office or ReStore.**

To recap, **effective July 1:**

- Masks are optional for fully vaccinated staff, volunteers and supporters at any of our job sites, Trappe office, or ReStore;
- All volunteers are required to sign a waiver and complete on-line training prior to volunteering. If you are new to volunteering with Habitat Choptank, please go to our website (<https://habitatchoptank.org/volunteer/>) for more information. If you have any questions and want to speak with someone directly, please call our Volunteer Coordinator, Nora Skiver at 410-476-3204.

**Habitat Choptank will continue** to practice the following health & safety measures, until further notice:

- Strongly recommend masks for unvaccinated staff, volunteers and visitors in any of our locations;
- Follow guidelines provided by Maryland's Department of Health, Governor's Executive Orders and CDC.

**Your well-being remains a top priority** and we value your support as we continue our commitment to building homes, community and hope in Talbot and Dorchester Counties. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this new policy, please feel free to reach out to me or a member of our staff team.

**If you are interested in volunteering, please click the register button** below to register, sign the waiver, and complete on-line training. **After all of these steps are completed, a link for how to register for a particular jobsite or our Restore will be sent to you.** Please do not attempt to volunteer until all of the required steps are completed.

Thank you so much for your patience and continued support. We look forward to working with you to build strong and vibrant communities.

JoAnn Hansen  
Executive Director

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