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The Society of St. Andrew’s (SoSA’s) Updated Response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

SoSA is a trusted community partner and has been for many years. All SoSA offices maintained a strong commitment before this pandemic to ensuring only the best food is delivered to our recipients and partners and have diligently continued to do so, this past year.

SoSA’s efforts related to acquiring, transporting, and distributing food for people in need during the COVID-19 pandemic are essential to the health of community residents who lack the resources or ability to access food directly.

As such, leadership at SoSA is carefully monitoring developments regarding the latest protocols regarding COVID-19 (coronavirus) as efforts to end hunger have increased. We are staying informed on best practices as we continue sharing food with people in communities we serve.

Please see below for current practices for gleaning events and other occasions that bring together groups of people. (For local information, please contact your State Department of Health.)

We appreciate your willingness to serve and ask you abide our current gleaning guidelines:

- People who are sick, feverish, or feeling ill should not glean.
- People who are immunocompromised or with underlying medical conditions that might be exacerbated by volunteering outdoors while wearing face coverings, in the heat, should not glean.
- Number of people allowed at an event may be restricted in accordance with current guidance for that region.
- Volunteers should be prepared to wear face coverings (please try to bring your own).
- Volunteers should maintain a safe, social distance of 6ft. from each other, during events.
- Liability waivers must be completed and verified before any volunteer opportunity.
- Even if a person has had COVID-19 and/or has been vaccinated they must still comply with these guidelines at all SoSA events.

We take seriously the safety of all staff, volunteers, & recipients as a part of standard operations.

As COVID restrictions are lifted, vaccines administered, and masking requirements vary—participants are asked to socially distance while working and to wear a mask anytime they are in close proximity with anyone who is not in their household/ gleaning friend group.

It is possible you will be in close proximity to others, whose vaccination status cannot be verified. Therefore, please bring a mask and be prepared to wear it when you are working close to others. We are still asking this for everyone’s protection and comfort.

If you have questions, please send your request via email to info@endhunger.org.

Sincerely,

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