

21 ACRES



COVID-19 VOLUNTEER POLICY

Welcome Back!

All of us at 21 Acres have missed our outstanding community of volunteers. We extend our thanks to everyone for your continued support during this pandemic. Your absence has made us realize even more how important you are to our everyday efforts in battling climate change, responsibly stewarding our land, and participating in our local food systems. We appreciate your continued support.

We are excited to announce that we are returning to regularly scheduled volunteer work parties at 21 Acres on Wednesdays and Saturdays. While volunteering with 21 Acres may look and feel different than you are used to, we hope that the below guidelines will increase campus safety and provide a rewarding volunteer experience for all.

Before you arrive on campus:

1. Pre-register online via Eventbrite for your desired volunteer date.
2. If you are a new volunteer, please also submit our online [Volunteer Application](#).
3. All volunteers must sign the *Additional Volunteer Waiver of Liability – Volunteering at 21 Acres during the COVID-19 pandemic*. If you pre-registered online, you have already done this. Forms will also be provided at the check-in table.
4. If you or anyone in your group have tested positive for COVID or have experienced any of the following symptoms in the past week, they should not attend the work party:
 - a. A cough
 - b. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - c. A fever of 100.4°F or higher or a sense of having a fever
 - d. A sore throat

- e. Chills
- f. New loss of taste or smell
- g. Muscle or body aches
- h. Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
- i. Congestion/runny nose not related to seasonal allergies
- j. Unusual fatigue

If you are feeling ill, please respect the safety of yourself and others by not coming to campus. Send an email to volunteer@21acres.org if your plans have changed for any reason.

For more information, view [these self-screening questions](#) based on CDC guidelines before arriving to campus.

While on Campus:

1. Campus is currently closed except for essential work by 21 Acres staff, Farm Market shopping, food deliveries and aggregation from farmers, and modified volunteer work.
2. Volunteers are only allowed in the building areas to use the bathrooms and shop the Farm Market (when open). To find more information about the Farm Market hours, please check [here](#).
3. Volunteers must wear a face mask while on campus. This includes while checking yourself in and out, walking to and from your assigned location, and when entering the building to use the restroom or shop in the Farm Market. Please also wear a face mask when you are working outside at all times.
4. Please bring water and any personal gloves or tools you'd like to use while on site. If you are bringing your own tools, please be sure to mark them clearly and take them with you at the end of the day.
5. When you arrive, please go directly to the tent located on the back lawn next to the parking lot. A staff member will be there to help you sign in and will take your temperature.
6. Sign yourself in and make a name tag so that you are easily identifiable while on campus. Gloves and hand sanitizer will be available at this table throughout the day.
7. A staff member will introduce you to the day's tasks and direct you to the work site.

8. Please do not linger in spaces you are not working in during your shift; this will limit your potential exposure and keep our campus a safe working space for everyone.
9. After finishing your shift, please bring all of your tools and gloves to the volunteer shed. A staff member will direct you.
10. There will be a clean and dirty station for both gloves and tools. Place your gloves in the dirty glove bucket to be washed.
11. Sanitize your tools at the station provided next to the volunteer shed.
12. Sanitizing spray bottles are filled with Virex II/256 which is a quaternary disinfectant listed on the EPA's registered antimicrobial products list for effectiveness against COVID-19. 21 Acres staff will keep these bottles filled and available at the tool sanitizing station. Vigorously spray all tools used during your shift, especially the handle, allowing the sprayed tools to sit for 10 minutes.
13. Please help us to ensure the *Farm Closed* chicken signs at each of the farm access bridges are closed.

After your volunteer shift:

We will send all registered participants an email with a feedback survey and a link to sign up for future work parties. Please use this survey to give us feedback on how things are working and what needs improvement. We hope to see you again soon!

Thank you.

We know that you have been going through a lot of change this year. Thank you for your time, effort, and continued involvement in our local food system. We are excited to welcome you back to campus.

Questions?

Contact Hillary Sanders (she/they), Volunteer Coordinator at hillarys@21acres.org.