

VOLUNTEERS FAQ

Will volunteers be allowed on district property, including schools, during regular school hours?

Due to limited space and the need for adult volunteers to exercise 6 feet of distance from students, volunteers will not be allowed to volunteer on district property, including inside and outside of schools, **during school hours**. The exception will be any volunteers identified as essential. While the District values the enormous contributions of our hundreds of volunteers, we believe that this decision is in the best interest of our students, staff and volunteers in terms of safety. As the year progresses, we will re-evaluate the situation based on the COVID-19 infection trajectory.

Will volunteers be allowed on district property, including schools, during non-school hours?

Volunteers will be allowed to volunteer during non-school hours at all levels — elementary, middle and high school. This includes but is not limited to athletics.

However, to comply with the governor's [Temporary Administrative Order PH 39-2021](#), all volunteers will need to provide proof of vaccination either by presenting a vaccination card, digital photo of a vaccination card or print-out from the Oregon Health Authority's Immunization Registry.

How will volunteers provide proof of vaccination?

You may scan the card/record and email it to mcook@fernridge.k12.or.us

How does a volunteer apply for a medical or religious vaccination exemption?

Under the governor's [Temporary Administrative Order PH 39-2021](#), a medical exception must be corroborated by a document signed by a medical provider, who is not the individual seeking the exception, certifying that the individual has a physical or mental impairment that limits the individual's ability to receive a COVID-19 vaccination based on a specified medical diagnosis, and that specifies whether the impairment is temporary in nature or permanent.

A religious exception must be corroborated by a document, on a form prescribed by the Oregon Health Authority, signed by the individual stating that the individual is requesting an exception from the COVID-19 vaccination requirement on the basis of a sincerely held religious belief and include a statement describing the way in which the vaccination requirement conflicts with the religious observance, practice or belief of the individual.

The District is currently developing a process for accepting this documentation, however if a reasonable accommodation cannot be made that ensures the safety of the volunteer as well as staff and students, the accommodation will be to temporarily not volunteer.

Does the vaccination rule apply to students who volunteer?

Yes, student-volunteers (ages 16 and older) would need to provide proof of vaccination.

Will volunteers need to wear masks?

All volunteers will need to wear masks, both inside and outside school facilities including athletic fields.

Can volunteers go on a school field trip?

If the field trip is during school hours, volunteers will not be allowed to participate, unless essential to conduct the trip. If the school field trip is during non-school hours, volunteers will be allowed to participate.