Food Lifeline Volunteer FAQ

What are the safety precautions Food Lifeline is taking during Covid-19?

- All volunteers must answer ‘no’ to Covid-19 screening questions upon each registration and arrival to Food Lifeline facilities.
- Temperatures taken upon arrival at Food Lifeline facilities.
- Hourly cleaning of high frequency touched areas.
- Social distancing at workstations (6 ft. or more from others).
  - Reminders to follow social distancing while checking in and breaking.
- Volunteers are required to wear a mask at all times.

What is the age limit to volunteer?
Currently in Food Lifeline’s Covid-19 response we are welcoming all volunteers ages 10+ to help at our various opportunities.

- All volunteers under 18 years old will need a signed parent consent form.
- Volunteers under 14 years old will need a parent/guardian present to volunteer.

I want to bring my group. How do we sign up?
Group requests can be made if your team has 6 members or more. You can reserve spots for a group by filling out our group request form. **Note:** Food Lifeline counts on you to fill the spots that you reserve.

- Youth groups **must** have a minimum parent to youth ratio of 1:5.

What should I wear for my volunteer session?
Closed toed shoes are **required** to volunteer. You could be packing in the cooler, or breaking a sweat in the warehouse, so make sure you’re dressed appropriately for weather. Masks are also **required** in all Food Lifeline facilities.

How do I register to volunteer?
All volunteers must create an account with Food Lifeline to register for an opportunity.

Does my child need an account to register to volunteer?
All volunteers will need an account to register to volunteer. Accounts cannot be shared. If your child does not have an email address, they may use a parent/guardians’ email address when creating an account.
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What if I need to cancel?
We plan our projects around our volunteer numbers, please cancel your reservation as soon as possible and reschedule for an alternative date.

What will I be doing?
Projects vary day to day to fit the needs of our partner agencies, and what is in our warehouse. Please come prepared to work on any specific projects. If you have a concern about potential projects, please feel free to email the volunteer team (volunteer@foodlifeline.org).

How early should I arrive?
We ask that volunteers arrive 15 minutes before their volunteer session. Volunteers more than 10 minutes late to a session will have to reschedule.

I need to leave early. Should I still volunteer?
We ask that volunteers stay for the entirety of their shift. If you need to leave early, please reschedule your session for a different date.

Do I need to sign up in advance?
We ask that every volunteer preregister, children included.

What if I have food allergies?
Because our food is donated, we cannot guarantee that it will be allergen-free. Please take precautions in the event that you may come into contact with a food allergen.

Are you able to fulfill court ordered hours?
Yes. Food Lifeline does accept individuals looking to fulfill hours for school, court ordered, etc. Please visit our website for how to get your hours verified.

Can I request additional assistance?
Food Lifeline works to accommodate all volunteers, please contact the Volunteer Program at 206-432-3628.