Nonprofits, food banks, and other organizations seeking to leverage volunteers in their COVID-19 response efforts can protect volunteers and operations by following this guide developed in accordance with the California Department of Public Health’s safety guidelines.

Do not accept a volunteer if they have experienced symptoms related to COVID-19 such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath. Assure that volunteers are informed of risks associated with the volunteer opportunity.

Enact cleanliness protocols, sanitize volunteer areas or meal distribution sites regularly. Supply disinfectant wipes and hand-sanitizer. Remind volunteers to wash their hands before, during, and after volunteering.

Require healthy practices, cover coughing and sneezing with a tissue. Keep 6 ft. physical distance rules in place during tasks and remind volunteers to avoid touching their face.

Screen volunteers before starting shifts. Ask volunteers if they’ve experienced COVID-19 symptoms and administer temperature checks, especially if handling food.

Follow guidelines from the California Department of Public Health. Visit cdph.ca.gov/COVID19 for more information and to make sure we are all safe.

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