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St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity Covid Policy Update

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Habitat for Humanity, International has updated its Covid Guidelines policy in response to the recent U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines for safe work practices established to mitigate the spread of Covid-19, most notably the use of face masks, increased hygiene practices and social distancing. As of June 1, 2021, HFHI will no longer recommend affiliates limit on-site and other in-person volunteers, while asking affiliates to adhere to state and local guidelines.

Both St. Croix County and Pierce County (the two counties we serve) have updated their Public Health policies to reflect Covid safety guidelines adopted by the CDC, which state fully vaccinated people are not required to wear a mask in public, nor socially distance, and are allowed to resume activities, indoor and out.

Given CDC, HFHI and county guidelines, **St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity** will allow fully-vaccinated volunteers to determine whether they wear masks on site and in the office, under the discretion of the construction supervisor and executive director. Should a team of volunteers have policies they follow within their company or group settings, and require masks and/or social distancing, these guidelines will take priority. SCVHFH insurance policies exclude coverage for claims caused by viruses. Therefore, if a volunteer hasn't been vaccinated and refuses to wear a mask, SCVHFH may ask that the volunteer opt out of volunteering until they've been vaccinated or will agree to abide by masking guidelines, for the safety of those around them.