

SAPAS Infectious Disease Control Policy

Staff, Volunteers, Contractors

Everyone who has one-on-one, indoor, contact with clients and/or their caregivers must be up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters,* as well as the influenza vaccine. Anyone who is not vaccinated and boosted may continue to have one-on-one, indoor contact with clients and/or their caregivers if they wear an N95 mask. SAPAS will supply masks if requested. Vaccination status will be based on voluntarily-made self-reports.

For vaccinated staff, volunteers, and contractors, masking is not required for one-on-one indoor activities and services, including rides, unless the person receiving a service requests that the staff member or volunteer wear a mask. This request needs to be made when the client makes the formal service request to the staff.

At all SAPAS-sponsored, indoor, in-person activities and events, volunteers and staff are not required to wear a mask.

Clients, Participants

At all SAPAS-sponsored, indoor, in-person activities and events, participants are not required to wear a mask.

If volunteers would like a client(s) to wear a mask, they need to make that known when considering or accepting an assignment.

Everyone

All SAPAS staff, volunteers, and contractors; participants at SAPAS-sponsored in-person activities and events; and individuals who receive rides from SAPAS volunteers should report to the SAPAS office any potentially contagious infections they become aware of after the fact.

In the event that Ramsey County is in the high community risk level for COVID infections, masking will be required for all individual and group activities and services. Staff will be responsible for alerting volunteers and clients about this change in masking for individual services. They will also make appropriate changes and announcements about those changes to the public for group activities and events.

The SAPAS infectious disease control policy is subject to changes reflecting requirements of venues used by SAPAS and changes in public health directives, specifically the community risk level as determined by Ramsey County. Policy changes will be publicized on the SAPAS website if they arise. SAPAS will continue to follow the CDC guidelines.

*In accordance with guidelines by the Minnesota Department of Health and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).