



COVID-19 GUIDELINES & PROTOCOLS FOR VOLUNTEER TRAINING AND SUBSEQUENT VOLUNTEERING FOR THE VANCOUVER ISLAND CRISIS SOCIETY

The Vancouver Island Crisis Society (VICS) recognizes the importance of our staff's and volunteers' safety. The guidelines and protocols presented below minimize the risk of exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19.

The following guidelines and protocols apply to volunteer trainees and their subsequent roles as volunteers.

- Volunteer trainees must be fully vaccinated to participate as trainees and as volunteers and are required to provide proof of vaccination on the day they first meet with a volunteering trainer, i.e., a provincial vaccine card or a vaccine passport, along with photo ID.
- If any volunteer trainee is sick or showing symptoms (fever or chills, loss of sense of smell or taste, difficulty breathing, cough, sore throat), has been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19, or is feeling unwell in any way, this trainee is NOT able to attend on-site training on the days for which they are scheduled. The volunteer trainee or volunteer must contact info@vicrisis.ca to inform VICS of their health status.
- Participants must arrive 15 minutes early for on-site volunteer training to allow for pre-screening protocols and the verification of proof of vaccination. They will be asked about their wellness as they arrive.
- While the Vancouver Island Crisis Society has taken measures to minimize the risk of viral transmission, it is the volunteer trainees' responsibility to keep themselves safe by following hand sanitizing, social distancing, and mask guidance protocols.
- Please note that the number of volunteer trainees scheduled for any training session on-site may not allow for social distancing of at least two meters. Volunteer trainees should take this into account when attending.
- Masks are mandatory during training for all participants if they are not able to socially distance a minimum of 2 meters. Facilitators will wear masks if they are not able to be separated by a minimum of 2 meters from volunteer trainees.
- Hand sanitizers and masks will be available whether attending volunteer training sessions at on VICS premises.
- By submitting an application form for volunteer training and subsequent volunteerism, applicants indicate that they agree to the COVID-19 guidelines and protocols and release the Vancouver Island Crisis Society of any liability if they were to contract COVID-19 through their participation in a workshop presented by VICS. They understand that VICS facilitators have the right to refuse their participation in a workshop when they are sick.

A huge thank you for your continued support!