

Gleaning Procedures During a Pandemic

The following gleaning procedures are in place as of March 16, 2020 until further notice. Do not volunteer if you are sick or have been around anyone that is sick.

All volunteers are required to wear a cloth face mask when volunteering outside of their home. Masks will be provided for those that do not have their own.

Volunteers should not be carpooling unless with someone from the same household.



Food Handling:

- Wash hands before putting on gloves
- Wear disposable gloves if the farm where you are working requires gloves for their employees
- Wash hands and change gloves when changing tasks
- Work in small groups
- Keep your distance from others as much as possible
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow
- Refrain from touching your face
- Wash hands after removing gloves

Packaging of Food:

- Review recipient list from Gleaning Coordinator - some will receive bagged produce and some will receive boxed produce.
- Bagged produce should be placed in the small bags provided - include a mix of vegetables in each bag whenever possible.
- Tie all plastic bags and fold down paper bags to discourage food handling.
- Boxed produce will be given to organizations using the food for cooking meals and does not need to be bagged.

Delivering Food:

- Wear disposable gloves when delivering food as you may have to open doors, etc.
- Do not take boxes back from partner organizations - at this time we will limit the re-use of boxes as much as possible
- Pre-bagged food should be placed in boxes for ease of delivery
- Refer to list from Gleaning Coordinator for special instructions for delivering to each organization
- Contact Gleaning Coordinator if any food cannot be delivered

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