



As the festival returns nearly three years later, we're taking some additional safety precautions to ensure the health and well-being of all participants, including special considerations for volunteers. Outdoor events such as ours are considered very low risk for transmission, but there is a level of risk when participating in festival events during a pandemic, as there is with all activities. We support all folks in whatever level of precaution they choose to take; harassment related to vaccination status, personal protective equipment (eg. masks), sanitization, or other personal protective measures, will not be tolerated.

The Festival recommends that all volunteers be vaccinated with all boosters available to them at least two weeks prior to the festival. For more information about COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness, please find information from Alberta Health Services (AHS) [here](#).

Vaccination Requirement: Volunteers on the following crews must provide proof of vaccination (at least 2 doses as per AHS guidelines to be fully vaccinated) prior to the festival to meet artist contract requirements. Volunteers may also be required to participate in a rapid testing program and masking: *Access, Airport, First Aid, Hotel Hospitality, Indigenous Peoples Experience, Instrument Lock up, Media, Performer Hospitality (ALL), Photography, Security - Front of Stage, Security - MainStage, Shuttle, Schleppers, Site Schleppers, Stage, Video.*

Voluntarily sharing your vaccination status: Volunteers not on one of the crews above may share their vaccination status here for informational purposes, without the requirement of providing documentation to Festival Staff.

Here's how to share your documentation where required:

1. Email your QR code to Marianne and Jaime at volunteers@edmontonfolkfest.org. They will scan the code, then delete the email;
2. Drop by the Festival Office (please call ahead) to have your QR scanned, or to verify documents;
3. Arrange a Zoom call with the Volunteer Office to scan a QR code, or verify documents.

Vaccination information will be marked in your MyVolunteerPage profile, along with the verification date and name of the person who completed the verification. *Names and vaccination status will not be shared beyond your coordinator and Festival Staff, and will be used for tracking purposes only. All vaccination information will be deleted from profiles following the festival.*



Other health safety measures: Masking will be required in all festival transport vehicles; we will follow up with any additional recommendations or requirements closer to the event.

We recommend volunteers wear a mask in crowded, indoor areas where distancing (2m) is not possible, and plan to wash hands and sanitize regularly. Additional hand sanitizer and washing areas will be available festival wide. Be prepared by bringing your own mask and sanitizer to have with you at all times.

If rapid tests are available to you, please plan to test yourself at least twice during the festival days (August 4-7).

Kitchen: We are moving to compostable plates in the Festival Kitchen to allow for additional dining space festival wide. Please plan to wear a mask when entering the Kitchen.

Parties: We will be moving to volunteer parties on Saturday and Sunday evenings only this year to reduce exposure. Parties are optional events.

Bar/Beer Garden: Attendees may purchase drinks at the bar located by stage 1, and carry beverages across the site. Alcohol will not be allowed in the Family area or operational areas. *As always, alcohol is not permitted to be consumed when on shift.*

Illness: If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 during the time of festival events, or are feeling ill in any way, please do not attend either the event or your shifts. The AHS self assessment tool can be found [here](#).

For additional Health and Safety information for all participants, please visit [our website](#). You can find AHS info [here](#) about current COVID-19 requirements, and to assess your own risk.