



TreesCharlotte COVID-19 Event Protocol

While TreesCharlotte strives to celebrate, expand, and protect the tree canopy in Charlotte, we also want to protect the health of our supporters, volunteers, and partners from risks associated with COVID-19. We appreciate your continued interest in volunteering with us and your dedication to our trees even in these difficult times. Our objective is to provide guidelines for participation in volunteer events with TreesCharlotte in a way that protects your individual health, as well as those around you.

1. Stay home if you are sick. Individuals who arrive on site with symptoms will be sent home. All volunteers will be asked on the day of the event if they have experienced any COVID symptoms, including a recent fever, or if they have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID in the last two weeks.
2. All tools, such as shovels and rakes, will be disinfected before being handled by volunteers and tools will be used by the same person for the duration of the planting event.
3. All volunteers, TreeMasters, staff, and participants must wear a mask covering their mouth and nose throughout the event (masks will be provided to any person who does not have one). Volunteers not in compliance with the mask requirement will be asked to leave the event.
4. A distance of 6 feet must be maintained between participants at all times.
5. All volunteers must wear freshly laundered garden gloves (gloves will be provided for those without them).
6. Hand sanitizer or a hand-washing station will be available for volunteer use at the event site.
7. Only designated staff/TreeMasters will be in charge disinfecting tools before storing them.
8. All volunteer events will have a limit of 25 participants per planting zone per CDC guidelines for outdoor events.
9. All volunteers will be **required** to register prior to the event. To ensure we comply with CDC guidelines for outdoor events, we will no longer accept day of registrants.

We have so much to be thankful for in Charlotte and we appreciate your careful attention to these details and guidelines as we work to move forward with our mission and protect everyone's health and safety. TreesCharlotte will be ensuring that all participants are following the protocol guidelines and will ask anyone who is not in compliance to leave the event vicinity for the safety of everyone participating. These guidelines will ensure that all participants feel comfortable and confident being involved. Please help TreesCharlotte move forward with our canopy work by following our protocol procedures.

Thank you for your understanding and commitment.