

Office of Historic Alexandria
COVID-19 Operational Guidelines
as of March 1, 2022

OHA established the following guidelines to ensure consistent operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff will regularly re-evaluate these guidelines on an ongoing basis based on guidance from the CDC, Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Virginia Health Department.

Masks

As of March 1, 2022, masking is optional for visitors to OHA properties. Visitors are welcome to wear masks if they choose, but masks are only required when Alexandria has substantial or high transmission of COVID-19.

Tours

OHA properties now offer limited in-person guided tours indoors or outdoors. Guided tours will limit capacity to minimize risk of exposure between households. Self-guided experiences will continue to be offered with no limits on capacity.

Public Programs and Events

Indoor and outdoor public programs or events can be held at OHA properties consistent with the policy above. Virtual options will continue to be available for educational programs and events.

Volunteers

Volunteers are welcome at OHA properties on a site-by-site basis. Site and volunteer supervisors will ensure volunteers are trained in, are knowledgeable of, and maintain City COVID policies and procedures. **Volunteers must provide proof of vaccination prior to coming on-site.** All volunteers will need to sign a waiver for on-site work and must comply with all City guidelines and protocols. Opportunities to volunteer from home and virtually gather will continue to be offered for current volunteers. Priority for on-site and at-home volunteer opportunities will be given to existing volunteers.

Rentals

Facility rentals are now available at all OHA properties. Attendees at closed, private events must follow City COVID guidelines.

On-site research and collections use by the public

Select OHA library and artifact collections are available to consulting archaeologists and outside researchers. Researchers may contact specific sites to determine availability and make appointments to use resources or to deliver artifacts. City guidelines and protocols must be followed. The same protocols will be applied to outside contractors working with ship material at the City bus barn.