

COVID-19 Requirements - Organized Group Cleanups



Stream & Park Cleanups Program, Volunteer Services Office | September 2021

Due to COVID-19, setting up a group volunteer project these days is a bit more complicated than in the past. Cleanup Leaders must follow these guidelines at group cleanup events that are not supervised by staff. Please keep in mind that this will continue to be updated as we receive guidance from the Montgomery County Board of Health and CDC.

Adults-Only Cleanups

18 & up (ex: Corporate groups)

MASKS – Volunteers are not required to wear masks outdoors, whether they are vaccinated or not.

- A mask should be worn if unsure about others' vaccination status.

WAIVERS – All volunteers submit Montgomery Parks COVID-19 waivers. Waivers are valid through December 2021.

Group leaders can either:

- Share the [Adult Waiver link](#) to their volunteers (**password: parks**). This link submits each completed waiver directly to our office.
- Send out the [pdf attachment](#), compile the waivers, and [email](#) them to the Parks Cleanup Coordinator (we can also include printed copies along with your Cleanup Kit).

Please submit waivers by the following Monday.

Volunteers are free to share their vaccination status with other volunteers and vice-versa

Youth Group Cleanups

17 & under (ex: scouts, school groups, cleanups that welcome families)

MASKS – Volunteers are not required to wear masks outdoors, whether they are vaccinated or not.

- **A mask should be worn if unsure about others' vaccination status, such as youth volunteers.**
- If parents/families are still concerned about their child's safety, you may take extra precautions such as staggered start times, pre-sorted supplies, and/or arranging teams by family units.

WAIVERS – All volunteers must submit Montgomery Parks COVID-19 waivers. Waivers are valid through December 2021.

*** Our office cannot accept electronic waivers for minors under 18 years old; they must be hand-signed by a parent/guardian and given to the group leader. ***

Group leaders may either:

1. **Send the [pdf attachment](#)** of the waiver to all participants, compile the waivers, and [email](#) them to the Parks Cleanup Coordinator.
2. **Request copies to be included in the Cleanup Kit** and either return them to our office or scan, compile & email them back.

Please submit waivers by the following Monday.

SUPERVISION – All volunteers under 14 years old must be accompanied by a parent or designated guardian with a ratio of 1 adult to 10 youth volunteers.

Volunteers are free to share their vaccination status with other volunteers and vice-versa

After your cleanup, please submit your cleanup results electronically by filling out the [Cleanup Results Form](#) or by sending an email to valeria.espinosa@montgomeryparks.org including:

1. Number of total volunteers
2. How many hours served
3. Number of trash bags (orange), number of recycle bags (clear)
4. Number of tires or oversize items collected