

## **Florida Trail Association COVID-19 Procedures** **Effective September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

On August 3, 2021, the Executive Committee of the Florida Trail Association Board of Directors voted to change our existing guidelines in response to another wave of the virus and the Delta variant of COVID-19. The full board met in special session on September 14, 2021 and affirmed the decision of the executive committee.

Old wording: It is the position of the Florida Trail Association that all FTA activities may resume fully, as long as they are conducted in accordance with the requirements and guidelines established by the State of Florida, the CDC, and local government or facility.

New wording: It is the position of the Florida Trail Association that all FTA activities may resume fully, as long as they are conducted in accordance with the requirements and guidelines established by the Federal Government, State of Florida, the CDC, local government or a facility, whichever is more strict. These guidelines are effective September 24, 2021.

Florida currently accounts for one fifth of all COVID-19 cases, hospitals across the state are at or over capacity. Almost all the cases are in unvaccinated individuals. The FDA granted full approval of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. This vaccine is free to everyone and readily available.

Following the stricter CDC guidance and subsequent federal agency implementation plans means the following for FTA employees, volunteers and event or activity participants:

- For those who have received their full dose of a vaccine and are beyond the two-week window after the final dose – you are considered fully vaccinated. Everyone else is considered unvaccinated.
- Vaccinated individuals who wish to attend an FTA event must fill out a [Certification of Vaccination form](#) prior to participating in any FTA event. This only needs to be done once and vaccination status will be stored in our records.
- Unvaccinated individuals must receive a negative COVID-19 test result no more than 72 hours prior to an FTA event. Unvaccinated individuals must provide proof of a negative test by filling out the [COVID-19 Test Submission Form](#).
- All participants at all FTA events must sign the Assumption of Risk form (updated 9/14/21). By signing the updated form, participants attest to having submitted the Certification of Vaccination form OR the COVID-19 Test Submission form linked above.

- Regardless of vaccination status, in-person activities which can be accomplished remotely (e.g., Chapter Meetings, Board Meetings) should be.
- Regardless of vaccination status, masks and other personal protective equipment should be worn when inside or when social distancing rules cannot be followed.

Full guidance from the CDC can be found [here](#). More information about the updated FTA policy, including Frequently Asked Questions, can be found on the [FTA website COVID-19 page](#).