Office of Historic Alexandria
COVID-19 Operational Guidelines
as of January 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
All City employees, volunteers, and guests are required to wear a mask in indoor public spaces while on Historic Alexandria property, regardless of vaccination status.

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 and collect information for contact tracing. 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 facilities consistent with the policy above. Virtual options will continue to be available for educational programs and events. Speakers and performers may remove masks during performances as long as the audience is at least 10 feet away.

Volunteers
Volunteers are welcome to return to OHA facilities on a site-by-site basis. Site and volunteer supervisors will coordinate volunteers’ return for each facility and 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 prior to return to on-site work and must comply with all City guidelines and protocols, including self-health checks, mask wearing, and physical distancing. 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, including masking.

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. Contact information for visitors will be logged. The same protocols will be applied to outside contractors working with ship material at the City bus barn.