Office of Historic Alexandria  
COVID-19 Operational Guidelines  
*as of July 28, 2021*

OHA established the following guidelines to ensure consistent operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. All museums are participating in the ALX Promise Gold program. Staff will regularly re-evaluate these guidelines throughout 2021, based on guidance from the CDC, Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Virginia Health Department.

**Masks**
Effective July 28, 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 can 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 & 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. **We highly encourage volunteers to return only after being fully vaccinated.** All volunteers will need to sign a waiver prior to return to 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 may choose not to wear masks in the rental space but will be required to wear masks in shared indoor spaces like restrooms and hallways.

**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 should be followed. The same protocols will be applied to outside contractors working with ship material at the City bus barn.