



The Krause Center Leadership and Ethics Service Learning and Civic Engagement Protocols for Community Service during COVID-19

The coronavirus pandemic is impacting everyone from our families, our businesses, first responders, community partners, and our entire Citadel community. As we navigate these unique challenges while continuing to support our community partners, it is critical to stay informed and practice the precautionary measures to best protect yourself and others even as we move into a post-pandemic time.

Supporting Nonprofit Partners and Community Needs

Most of 2020 and a segment of 2021 COVID-19 has continued to shake up community initiatives, service learning and most face to face events and activities. The Citadel is committed to carefully navigating the post pandemic environment, and still dedicated to supporting our community needs by helping to ensure that our students practice safe hygiene and follow all CDC standards and guidelines. Likewise, we ask that our community partners observe these protocols and prepare and maintain a secure work environment to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

Please review the current protocols and standards for service from The Krause Center for Leadership and Ethics Service Learning and Civic Engagement (SLCE):

SLCE Pre-Screening Policy

Due to the lingering effects of COVID-19, Citadel community members will not be allowed to participate in SLCE experiences if they meet any of the following criteria:

- Individual or anyone in their household have travelled outside the US in the past 2 weeks (14 days)
- Individual or anyone in their household have traveled a significant distance in the past 2 weeks (14 days)
- Individual or anyone in their household had contact with any person suspected to have contracted COVID-19 in the past 2 weeks (14 days)
- Individual or anyone in their household currently demonstrate flu-like symptoms (cough, shortness of breath or fever)
- Individual or anyone in their household have actively tested positive for contracting COVID-19

Student Protocol for Community Service

All students must follow the CDC standards and guidelines when volunteering with an external community organization. The following guidelines will be required of Citadel students:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- **Stay more than 6 feet (about two arms lengths) away from other people, if not vaccinated.** People are more likely to become infected the longer and closer they are to a person with COVID-19

- **Cover mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when inside if not vaccinated, in a car with others, or working around or interacting with others**
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Monitor health – watch for fever, cough, and shortness of breath. **Students will not serve if they experience any symptoms of COVID-19**
- Wear a mask around vulnerable populations who are not eligible for vaccination yet such as young children or immunocompromised individuals. Otherwise, if students are fully vaccinated they are not required to wear a face mask, but must follow volunteer organizations guidelines.

Required Standards for Community Partners

All organizations accepting Citadel volunteers must prepare their centers and protocols to ensure the safety of our students and staff. Community sites approved by The Krause Center are requested to follow these guidelines:

- Clean and disinfect the building and workspace frequently, especially high-touch areas
- Make sure volunteers have access to soap, water, and appropriate cleaning stations
- Ensure safe distancing between volunteers, depending on vaccination status
- Offer access to a restroom facility that is regularly cleaned
- Require volunteers to wear protective equipment when necessary
- Require all organization employees to monitor their health – watch for fever, cough, and shortness of breath

The detailed list of **The Citadel's Frequently Asked Questions** regarding COVID-19 and operations on and off campus can be found on their website using the following link:

<https://go.citadel.edu/return/>

Arranging Service Opportunities to meet Community Needs

If a student, staff or community partners have a service opportunity that meets the CDC standards and is in critical need for service, please contact The Krause Center Service Learning and Civic Engagement:

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