

# **Future Philanthropists Program 2022-23 COVID-19 Guidelines Q & A**

## **1 – Will the Future Philanthropists Program continue this school year?**

Yes. It will be our 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of teaching the next generation the art, science, and business of philanthropy under the leadership of experienced community adult leaders who mentor teens in fundraising, charitable giving, and volunteer service.

## **2 – Where will the program sessions take place?**

At the 19th Century Charitable Association, formerly known as the 19th Century Women's Club, in Oak Park.

## **3 – How many students will be in the program?**

Twenty-five (25) juniors from Oak Park and River Forest will be admitted into the Class of 2023 cohort. Given the nature of the curriculum, much of the teaching is done in smaller groups of five (5) students and their mentor.

## **4 – What precautions and safeguards will be taken to protect the health and safety of students?**

The program will follow existing state and local guidelines and regulations. Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 may not participate in any FPP activities until **they have tested negative and have completed the isolation period recommended by the CDC**. Each student must arrive to a session with a completed and signed Health Questionnaire or complete it before entering the session and will be asked to login at the meeting. Additionally, students as well as mentors attending each monthly session will be required to adhere to the following protocols. Students and mentors will:

- a. Verify that they are fully vaccinated against Covid-19. In accordance with the Future Philanthropists Program's duty to provide and maintain an environment that is free of known hazards, we are adopting this policy to safeguard the health of our students and mentors from infectious diseases that may be reduced by vaccinations.
- b. Refrain from participating in any program activities if feeling sick or have a reason to believe contact has been made with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- c. Upon entering the NCCA building, receive a temperature check via a temporal artery (forehead) digital thermometer. If the reading indicates a fever above 100 degrees, the individual (student or mentor) will be denied entry asked to return home. If a student, the parent will be notified that their teen is being asked to return home.
- d. Liberally use hand sanitizing wipes, gels, and sprays, which will be available at the NCCA, when handling program materials, returning from the bathroom and upon entering the building. Only one person will be allowed in the bathroom at a time.
- e. The use of masks and social distancing will be determined as the program year commences and may change at any time during the year.
- f. Because potential changes in health policies set at the local or state level may impact the above precautions, we will err on the side of following the most restrictive guidelines consistent with safeguarding everyone's health.

## **5 – How are food and drinks to be handled?**

Food and drink availability will be determined before the beginning of the program year and may change at any time during the year. Students and parents will be kept up to date regarding these decisions. Students may bring their own water bottles but may not bring in outside food. Students may not share food or drink with others.

## **6 – How are the student site visits to local nonprofits to be accomplished?**

Each team, consisting of five students and their mentor, will visit a few nonprofits during the months of January and February as part of their grant making experience. Students will be responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from the site. Once at the site, the students and nonprofit staff will follow the same guidelines as stated above, along with any additional guidelines mandated by the nonprofit. Arrangements will be made should a nonprofit prefer a virtual site visit.

## **7 – What about doing volunteer work?**

Student participation in community volunteer activities is an important part of the program. At all volunteer activities, particularly those held indoors, the guidelines above will be followed.

## **8 – Who do I communicate with if I have additional questions or concerns?**

Karen Tardy, Program Coordinator at [fpp@oprfcf.org](mailto:fpp@oprfcf.org) or via phone at 708.347.1302