

COVID-19: Volunteer Updates from Enrichmond

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The Enrichmond Foundation is closely monitoring the rapidly evolving circumstances surrounding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and its potential impact on our community. Our top priority is the health and safety of our staff and the communities and volunteers we serve. We would like to provide an update on work being conducted at Evergreen and East End Cemeteries.

[Executive Order 55](#) signed by Governor Ralph Northam prohibits all public and private in-person gatherings of 10 or more individuals effective Tuesday, March 24, 2020 until Wednesday, June 10, 2020 as well as current social distancing recommendations. Based on guidelines provided by the CDC, Virginia's stay-at-home order and social-distancing, City of Richmond volunteer efforts, local foundations, other volunteer driven nonprofits, and multiple legal experts, **all volunteer activities will remain paused until June 1st.**

When volunteer activities resume there will be several guidelines for the foreseeable future:

1. All groups must be no larger than 10 participants.
2. All staff, volunteer leaders, and volunteers must wear masks when gathering as a group. Masks will be provided by Enrichmond.
3. Volunteers performing work in the cemeteries must complete a [Volunteer Agreement](#) and/or [Project Request Form](#).

The Volunteer Agreement and/or Project Request Form are required in order to help Enrichmond staff: keep abreast of how many volunteers will be present on site at the same time; track the number of upcoming volunteer activities or project-based work; alert participants if someone tests positive to the COVID-19 virus at a later date; coordinate projects based on reclamation and restoration efforts already planned or in the planning stages. Finally, the forms follow liability requirements established by national and local legal experts.

We are witnessing a once in a generation event that will have historic impact on every aspect of our lives. The guidelines proposed are a significant change for some. Please do not schedule any projects or volunteer days in Evergreen or East End until after Enrichmond has approved volunteer work to resume. **Please ensure these forms are completed before any projects are performed or any volunteer activities are conducted at the cemeteries.**

Based on what we know, we hope to resume volunteerism - using the above described guidelines - by mid-June. We will be in communication with you as soon as we feel it is safe for projects and volunteerism to resume. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We appreciate all of you and look forward to a time when we can begin working together again.

In Solidarity,

Enrichmond staff

If you have questions, please reach out!

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