

### [Volunteer Policy](#) – Effective March 24, 2022

The following policy guidelines are in place for volunteers, students from other institutions and observers within the Mount Sinai Health System (MSHS). All volunteers and students from other institutions permitted onsite at MSHS must comply with COVID-19 Safety Guidelines. Local supervisors will be responsible for overseeing compliance with infection prevention guidelines. Hospital Presidents or Chief Medical Officers may impose site-specific restrictions and departmentally led programs may also impose programmatic-specific restrictions. All volunteers must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (2 weeks past the 2nd dose of the Pfizer/Moderna vaccine or the 1st dose of J&J). Exemptions from COVID-19 vaccination will not be considered.

#### **Currently Registered Volunteers:**

Volunteer programming is resumed. The pace of re-opening depends on site-specific capabilities. Employee Health Service (EHS) clearance is required for all volunteers.

#### **New Applications:**

Applications for new volunteers are resumed. See other detail in Currently Registered Volunteers above.

#### **Students:**

MSHS continues to honor its commitment to students of other institutions currently participating in an educational experience for academic credit at MSHS. All programs offering experiences for academic credit should have an agreement in place between MSHS and the sponsoring institution. Please email the Contract Policy and Review Office (CPRO) at [CPRO@mssm.edu](mailto:CPRO@mssm.edu) for an agreement template and details about how to execute the agreement. Departments/programs are also now permitted to host students who seek a less structured experience which isn't directly tied to academic credit. Students must be fully vaccinated prior to starting onsite activities.

For any student visa-related questions, please contact Hamel Vyas the International Personnel office at [Hamel.vyas@mountsinai.org](mailto:Hamel.vyas@mountsinai.org). Please note that foreign nationals are not permitted to volunteer unless they are on a F-1 student visa and have obtained permission from their sponsoring school to engage as per their required Curricular Practical Training (CPT) as well as a CPT endorsement on their I-20. A foreign national enrolled in a US accredited school who does not have a F-1 student visa, may still volunteer IF the activity is required by their curriculum and their school and would need to provide a letter confirming that this is required activity. In both cases there must be an agreement in place with Mount Sinai and the school.

#### **Observers:**

Programs or requests for individual domestic or international observers remain suspended.

#### **Volunteer Office Contacts:**

MSH: Shari Kaplan ([shari.kaplan@mountsinai.org](mailto:shari.kaplan@mountsinai.org))

MSQ: Ana M. Rodriguez ([ana\\_m.rodriguez@mountsinai.org](mailto:ana_m.rodriguez@mountsinai.org))

MSBI and NYEE: Christine Pescatore ([cpescatore@NYEE.EDU](mailto:cpescatore@NYEE.EDU))

MSW: Andres Moreira ([Andres.moreira@mountsinai.org](mailto:Andres.moreira@mountsinai.org))

MSM: Amy Bush ([amy.bush@mountsinai.org](mailto:amy.bush@mountsinai.org))

MSSN: Anne Marie Fernandez ([AnneMarie.Fernandez@snch.org](mailto:AnneMarie.Fernandez@snch.org))

MS Brooklyn: Emilie Shore ([Emilie.Shore@mountsinai.org](mailto:Emilie.Shore@mountsinai.org))