

## The Steamer Virginia V Foundation

### COVID-19 VACCINATION AND MASK POLICY for 2021-2022\*

#### I. PURPOSE

- A. To communicate The Steamer Virginia V Foundation COVID-19 vaccination and masking policies to staff, crew, volunteers, clients and persons working or accessing the ship and/or business office.
- B. To provide guidance, appropriate scheduling, and enforcement of the stated business policies.

#### II. KING COUNTY/WASHINGTON STATE REQUIREMENTS

As of October 25, 2021 in King County, WA, proof of vaccination will be required for everyone ages 12+ at outdoor events of 500 or more people, indoor recreational events or establishments, restaurants, and bars. Event venues, such as VIRGINIA V, are also required to comply with this guideline. While King County guidelines allow proof of a recent negative COVID-19 test to be presented in lieu of proof of vaccination, it is up to each individual business or organization to determine its own standards. In our case, The Steamer Virginia V Foundation does not accept negative COVID-19 tests in lieu of proof of vaccination for those eligible to be vaccinated.

For current King County guidelines, visit: <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/current-guidance.aspx>

This policy will be re-evaluated as new government guidelines are issued. The Foundation reserves the right to set and enforce standards that may be more strict than current government guidelines or legal requirements in the effort to keep staff, crew and passengers/visitors as safe as possible, and in consideration of our capacity as a small, largely volunteer-run organization.

#### III. POLICY

The Steamer Virginia V Foundation Board of Directors and Executive Director have adopted a COVID-19 response plan by implementing a vaccination requirement and proper use of face masks as the best strategy of protection for all staff, crew, visitors, and passengers. This includes all staff and crew and visitors/passengers, whether dockside or underway. A “COVID-19 Safety Lead” will be designated and appropriately trained for all Steamer Virginia V Foundation events, private events, and charters aboard the vessel. That person will be tasked with enforcement of the vaccination and mask compliance. Any concerns should be brought to that person’s attention.

##### Vaccination Requirement

- All staff, crew, visitors, passengers, and contractors working aboard the vessel (such as caterers, DJs, wedding officiants, etc.) shall be required to show proof of full vaccination prior to boarding VIRGINIA V, entering Foundation offices and attending Foundation meetings/events at any venue.
- This requirement shall be in force for all passengers/visitors who are eligible to be vaccinated (as of 10-12-21, this includes all individuals aged 12 and up).
- Documentation of medical or religious exemptions and negative COVID-19 test results shall not be accepted by the Foundation in lieu of proof of vaccination.

\*Due to the fluid nature of COVID-19 business response requirements, policy interpretation and implementation is subject to change

- Those not yet eligible to be vaccinated shall be exempt from the above requirement and shall not be required to show proof of a negative covid test.

Proof of vaccination can be provided in any of the following formats:

- CDC Covid-19 vaccine record card (photocopy or photo available on a smart phone are acceptable)
- Documentation from a medical record or vaccine provider
- Proof of vaccination from another state or country
- Documentation in mobile apps from healthcare providers approved by the WA Department of Health
- Printed certificate

### Mask Use

- When members of the public are present, aboard the vessel or in other locations where Foundation meetings and events are held, staff and crew shall wear masks at all times.
- In indoor spaces aboard the vessel, passengers/visitors over age 2 shall wear masks properly except while actively eating or drinking. (see below)
- In outdoor spaces aboard the vessel, passengers may remove masks but it is recommended they continue to wear them while in areas where physical distancing is not possible.
- During performances, performers and officiants may remove masks (but should coordinate with the vessel COVID-19 Safety Lead on mitigation steps currently recommended by public health authorities)
- During photo sessions and while actively participating in ceremonies aboard the vessel, masks may be temporarily removed. Spectators shall remain masked while in indoor spaces.
- When the public is not present, fully-vaccinated crew working in well-ventilated areas, outdoors or not in close proximity of other crew members, may remove masks. However, they must be prepared to wear masks if requested to do so by others in the work environment.

### Face coverings should follow these guidelines:

- Have two or more layers of breathable fabric
- Completely cover your nose and mouth
- Fit snugly against the sides of your face and with no gaps
- Can be secured with ties, ear loops, elastic bands or other equally effective method
- Masks that have exhalation valves, vents, holes, or are made of mesh fabric are **NOT PERMISSABLE**. Face shields may not be worn **unless** combined with a face covering.

### Policy Review:

This policy shall be reviewed at Board Meetings following March 31, 2022, on a quarterly basis to ensure timely business actions in compliance with all WA State and King County COVID-19 requirements.

**Date Approved: 10.27.2021**

**Date Revised:**