



Room In The Inn Protocol – Sardis Presbyterian Church (Sept. 2021)

Neighbors:

Vaccination Requirements (Roof Above protocol)

- All neighbors 12+ must have received full vaccination before utilizing the RITI program.
- Vaccination status will be confirmed through vaccination card or the Mecklenburg County Health Department.
- If vaccines are approved for children under 12, Roof Above will reassess policy.
- If boosters become recommended, will follow CDC recommendations for “full vaccination”.
- In the unlikely event a guest comes down with Covid soon after being a guest at Sardis. Roof Above will contact the church so that it can notify volunteers present on that night.

Covid Testing for Neighbors at Roof Above location:

- Children under the age of 12, will receive a regular rapid antigen test before being assigned to a host site.
- Anyone who shows any symptoms, will be given a regular rapid antigen test .

Masking:

- Masking will be required of all guests and volunteers **regardless of vaccination status** during
 - 1) Intake process at the Day Center
 - 2) Inside of a vehicle
 - 3) Inside of host site
- Masks are not required while eating, showering or sleeping.

Social Distancing:

- Roof Above asks that host sites social distance while eating, or if weather permits, eat outside. (Volunteers do not have to eat with guest.)
- Sleeping arrangements are recommended to be 6ft apart.

Meals:

- Evening meals will be served in prepackaged containers. Packaging to be completed by two meal team members in the kitchen prior to neighbors arriving. (Volunteers will not handle guest dinnerware and have minimal contact serving the meals. Only paper products will be used.)
- Change procedures for breakfast to minimize contact.

Volunteers:

- Vaccinations are mandatory for RITI volunteers.

Sardis Recommendations:

- Sardis will **not** host any unvaccinated child.
- We will host one night per week – most likely Sunday evening.
- Reduce number of neighbors from previous years. 8 to 10 maximum. Guest will only sleep in the assigned bedrooms – no sleeping in common areas.
- Sardis' bus protocol will need to be followed at all times.
- Establish a partnership with Trinity Presbyterian Church to share hosting responsibilities. They will provide a team to host up to four evenings.
- Bathroom Facilities will be divided as part of social distancing protocol between guests and volunteers. Volunteers will use the Family bathroom at the Sardis House. Guests will use their normally assigned bathrooms.
- PPE will be provided, if needed.