

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands' priority is always our Littles' health and safety and that of their families, our Bigs, and our staff. Our agency understands this virus's dynamic nature can lead to frequent changes in our processes, recommendations, and communications. We continue to actively and proactively review policies and monitor the presence of COVID-19 in our community.

Currently, Big Brothers Big Sisters is **STRONGLY encouraging outdoor or virtual activities.**

If the Big or Little is fully vaccinated, it is not mandatory that the vaccinated person wear a mask unless required by local statute or you are visiting one of the places the CDC suggests you wear a mask.

Additionally, if attending medium to large-sized in-person, indoor gatherings, a mask must be worn regardless of vaccine status.

If the Big and/or Little is not fully vaccinated, a mask must be worn by the unvaccinated individual when indoors, traveling in a vehicle together and any time social distancing is not feasible.

If none of the match participants are fully vaccinated and the match chooses to meet in person, a mask must be worn at all times, and the liability waiver must be completed. The form only needs to be signed once and can be found [here](#).

Before any activities, consider these screening questions:

1. Have I had a temperature above 100.4 in the past 3 days?
2. Have I had any of the following in the past 10 days?
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
 - Tiredness
 - A sudden loss of smell or taste
 - Chills and/or body aches
 - Nausea or diarrhea
 - Positive test for COVID-19
 - Contact with a person suffering from any of the above
 - Contact with a person who has tested positive or has been told to quarantine

If you answer yes to any of the above, you may not meet with your Big/Little in person.

All in-person outings are completely voluntary. All Littles, Bigs, and families should use their discretion when considering scheduling an in-person outing. Bigs are required to bring an extra mask and hand sanitizer to the outing. Please reach out to your Match Support Specialist for assistance and ideas if you need support planning virtual or outdoor activities.