



Guest House FAQ

February 13-20, 2022

It is still COVID, and it is still COLD!

1. What is the Floris Guest House?

- Floris partners with [FACETS](#) to open our building to persons who are homeless in our area as our guests. During the cold weather months, Floris is one of 50 faith communities in our area who work together to offer this needed care to prevent severe discomfort and hypothermia for those who are without housing.

2. Will the Guest House look like it has in previous years?

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Guest House will not look like it has in previous years. There will not be opportunities for guests and volunteers to connect like they have previously.
- FACETS will be able to provide staffing for the event entirely this year as a result of increased funding from Fairfax County, keeping host sites and volunteers safe and numbers to a minimum.

3. What will the Guest House look like this year?

- This year, Floris is partnering with [Lord of Life Lutheran Church](#) to house all guests in our facility. Guests will arrive after 5 p.m. each evening and depart before 7 a.m. the next day. Lord of Life Lutheran will be providing all the dinners and lunch sandwiches, while Floris will provide breakfasts and snacks for the day. Guests will utilize the [Lamb Center](#) for their showering needs as well as a place to stay during the day.

4. What are the volunteer opportunities this year?

- This year, volunteer opportunities are being kept to a minimum to keep guests, staff and volunteers safe. Volunteer opportunities that are available are meals provided through life groups, hall monitor positions in the evenings and breakfast volunteers to plate meals for guests in the morning. These positions are designed to have minimal contact with guests and allow volunteers to maintain social distancing and safety measures.

5. How will guests, FACETS staff and volunteers be screened for Covid?

- Before anyone enters the building (guests, FACETS staff and volunteers) they will undergo COVID screening. If a person has symptoms, they will take a COVID test in an isolation area in the building. FACETS will immediately refer and transfer any guests testing positive to a designated isolation/quarantine hotel.
- In eight weeks, they have only had 13 persons need isolation. In 8 weeks, no volunteer has been exposed to COVID through this program.
- Floris will also provide rapid tests for any guests and volunteers who need them.

6. Will there be a mask requirement?

- Yes! Masks will be worn at all times except when guests are sleeping or eating. Many guests, however, prefer to keep their masks on while sleeping.

If you have any additional questions, please contact [Sarah Casey](#), Director of Serve Ministries.