COVID-19 Guidance for Service-Learning Courses

If the service-learning (SL) course includes participation at a community site, instructors should take the following steps to address the potential health risks to students:

1. Contact the community site and ask if remote completion of students’ contributions is possible. Ask the community site to implement remote work if so.
2. If remote completion is not possible, ask for the agency’s written explanation of COVID-response public health protocols being implemented, and encourage students to inquire about any personal protection equipment (PPE) they may need to work on-site. Advise students to ask whether the agency provides PPE and/or the student is responsible for purchase.
3. Have students record each on-site visit and report any established COVID-response public health protocol violations. If/when violations are reported, immediately follow up with the community site and have the student wait to return until the community site has demonstrated corrective action.
4. In cases where a student is unable or unwilling to participate in person at a community site and the community work cannot be completed remotely, negotiate an alternate approach with the student(s) to enable them to meet course learning objectives and earn full course credit.