

# COVID-19 Safety Protocol for Stanley Park Ecology Society 2020-2021 Field Trips

**Worker:** Any contractors, staff, or volunteers supporting a SPES program

**Participant(s):** Anyone participating in a SPES school program (student, guardian, teacher)

These guidelines are to be followed by workers and participants for SPES field trips during the school year 2020-2021. These protocols are guidelines only and do not replace information provided on this subject by the Provincial Health Officer or WorkSafe BC.

## General Protocols for Workers and Participants

Everyone involved in a program must work to minimize risk of infection or transmission as much as possible. Follow BCCDC guidelines for handwashing/disinfection at home and physical distancing:

- When possible all workers and participants are to maintain a **distance of 2 meters** from others. Workers will design and facilitate programs that are conducive to participants being able to distance from each other (such as marking out spaced circles).
- **Teachers and guardians assume responsibility in helping students physically distance from each other and the workers.**
- During the program, workers will **review physical distancing and other COVID-19 protocols** with participants
- **Participants and workers should wear a non-medical mask if they cannot maintain the 2 metre physical distance from others or if going into indoor spaces** (such as the Nature House in the Winter Birding program.) Workers and participants may also consider wearing a mask even if they are able to properly distance or aren't inside.
- **Workers and participants must bring their own masks.** Some extra disposable masks may be available at the program. Participants must bring a mask in case they require medical care on a program and a worker cannot distance from them to provide this care.
- **Workers and participants will minimize touching shared objects,** and if they do, they will make sure **the item is disinfected after use and participants' and workers' hands are sanitized or washed before and after touching shared items.** Workers will design and facilitate programs to reduce touching shared items and participants will have their own individual items wherever possible.
- Guardians and teachers assume responsibility for making sure students' hands are sanitized as necessary throughout the program.
- Workers will sanitize program items after programs, and items that cannot be properly sanitized or washed, will not be used.
- **All workers and participants should wash their hands frequently and thoroughly** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds each time before and after programs and use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer throughout the program.

- **We encourage participants to bring their own personal or class-wide hand sanitizer; workers will ensure there is back up hand sanitizer available** at all programs.
- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing (with a tissue or with your bent elbow; dispose of the tissue immediately in the proper waste bins) and **avoid touching your face**.
- **Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms or generally feeling ill cannot participate in a program.** This includes anyone who has cold or flu-like symptoms or has travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days or has been identified by public health officials as a close contact of a person with a confirmed case.
- If at any time during the program, a participant or worker develops symptoms, the individual will be isolated and sent home. If they must be transported by others who are not in their bubble, then the sick person must wear a mask.
- Workers will contact SPES's Health & Safety Representative immediately (tel. 604-257-6908) if they fall ill with the virus within 14 days after participating in a program.
- The contact teacher must inform SPES's Health & Safety Representative if any participants fall ill from COVID-19 within 14 days of attending a program.
- Workers and participants will **respect the maximum number of participants designated for a program** or posted capacity allowances for any SPES rooms or building.
- Most of the school programs are designed to be outdoors; if an indoor space is used, workers will **open the windows and doors to increase air flow** whenever possible.
- I will only bring the agreed upon number of participants (students, guardians and teachers).
- If participants are unable to distance from the worker(s) after three or more reminders, then the worker has the right to discontinue the program.

**School:**

**Year:**

**I have read and agree to adhere to the guidelines in this document and assume a guiding role in ensuring the students adhere to them as well:**

*\*Required of all Guardians and Teachers assisting in a program*

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name+ Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Role/Grade(s)** \_\_\_\_\_