

COVID-19 Safety Protocol for Stanley Park Ecology Society 2021 EcoCamps

These guidelines are to be followed by workers, guardians, and participants in SPES's 2021 EcoCamps. These guidelines build on the SPES COVID-19 Safety Plan that staff have agreed to follow. The Safety Plan will be posted on the SPES Website and is available at the office. EcoCamp workers and EcoCamper guardians agree to support participants in following these guidelines.

Definitions:

Guardians: anyone caring for the participants or who is responsible for them before, during (if needing to be picked up), or after camp.

Campers: participants in the camp

Workers: any contractors, staff, or volunteers supporting a SPES program

These protocols are guidelines only and do not replace information provided on this subject by the Provincial Health Officer or WorkSafe BC.

EcoCamp Protocols – for workers, guardians, 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:

Sick Policy

- When to stay home:
 - If anyone (workers, children, guardians, or visitors) 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 of COVID-19, they may not enter the SPES offices or building, nor work with the participants during camp unless they have been confirmed negative for COVID-19.
 - If a child has already been to camp and develops COVID-19 symptoms, please:
 - Do not bring your child to camp
 - Take your child to get tested for COVID-19 within 24 hrs of showing symptoms
 - Notify SPES workers of the test results within 24 hours of receiving them (currently, test results are available within 24-48 hrs; easy drive-in test sites can be found in Vancouver and neighbouring municipalities)
 - Workers with symptoms of COVID-19 will:
 - Contact SPES's Health & Safety Representative immediately (tel. 604-257-6908) should they fall ill during or following a shift at SPES or test positive for COVID-19.
 - If at any time during the workday, a worker develops symptoms, the individual will be isolated and sent home. If they must be transported by others, then the sick worker must wear a mask.

- Workers will not come to work and they will stay home and self-isolate until they have been assessed by a health care provider to rule out COVID-19 or other infectious disease, and their symptoms have resolved.
- If the worker is positive for COVID-19, guardians will be notified, and they can choose if they want their children in the camp.
- If 3 camp participants or workers test positive for COVID-19, the camp will be closed until further notice and all guardians will be fully reimbursed.
- Guardians will not be penalized with any administration fees for keeping their child home due to any symptoms associated with COVID-19 or if wanting to keep their child at home if anyone at camp contracts COVID-19 and will receive full refunds for the number of complete camp days they missed.
- Any participants that develop COVID-19 symptoms over the day will need to be picked up immediately.
- Workers will be trained on the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if they are identified.

Drop-off and Pick-up

- At pick up and drop off, guardians are to:
 - Social distance from each other and are encouraged to wear mask.
 - Use the public washrooms provided outside at the Pavilion instead of requesting to use the SPES office washrooms. Masks are mandatory in all public indoor spaces, including these washrooms.
 - At drop-off each day in front of the James Pollard Pavilion, workers will ask guardians for a “yes/no” verbal confirmation that children do not have symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other respiratory disease. Workers will not accept a child at the drop-off if the answer is “yes”.

Hygiene

- EcoCamp participants will be asked to wash their hands with soap for 20 seconds (or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer when a hand washing basin isn't available) at the following times:
 - When they arrive at camp and before they go home
 - Before eating and drinking
 - After using the toilet
 - After sneezing or coughing into hands or tissue
 - Whenever hands are visibly dirty
 - When moving between different learning environments (e.g., outdoor-indoor transitions or when they have access to potentially high touch surfaces)
- Workers will provide participants with handwashing training and demonstrations and hand-washing instructions will be posted at hand-washing stations. If a sink is not available, alcohol-based hand sanitizer will be available. Workers will ensure hand washing supplies are available at all times (i.e., soap, clean towels, paper towels and, if needed, 60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer).

- All workers and participants should avoid touching their faces. 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).
- Personal hand sanitizers will be provided to participants who don't have their own. This is not to be taken home but left at SPES each night and at the end of camp.
- Food will not be shared by participants. Participants will keep their food in their own containers and bring them with them to eat in the field.

Physical distancing

- All participants will be asked to stay 6 feet or 2 metres apart from each other. Workers will stay 3 meters away from participants, or in times they cannot, will wear a mask. Activities and spaces will be designed to facilitate this. For example, children will be able to do crafts on opposite sides or a 6ft table that is spaced 2 meters away from other tables and SPES will have lighthearted games that teach participants how far away 2 metres is.
- If participants are doing a sport or physical activity, they will be asked to stay 3 meters apart.
- The camp will be run fully outdoors. The only inside spaces the camp will enter are public washrooms and the Stanley Park Nature House.
- Children who live in the same household or have permission from their guardians will be allowed to touch or be within 2 metres of each other. During some games or activities, they will be asked to distance themselves from each other for ease of activity management.
- If a participant is having trouble distancing from others, they will first be asked to wear a mask for a period of time; with a second warning, their guardian will be called to pick them up. Following a third breach of distancing, the child will not be invited back to camp.

No Touching

- Guardians will only send their child with items that are easily washed and necessary to bring to camp and these items should be left in the child's bag when not directly in use. Workers will remind participants of this.
- Physical contact between participants or workers is not permitted and only activities that do not require contact will be included in camp. Activities will be designed so that children will have their own individual items wherever possible. Participants will receive a set of equipment at the beginning of the week that it is labeled and designated just for that participant. These items will be left in their personal square or circle at the end of the day. No sharing of these items over the week will be permitted.
- In the event that any items need to be shared, those items will be disinfected and participants will be asked to wash their hands before and after use, and the number of participants or staff that touch the items will be as few as possible.

Cleaning and Disinfection

- Guardians will only send their child with items that are easily washed and necessary to bring to camp and these items should only be left in the child's personal square at camp or in their bag when not directly in use. Workers will remind participants of this.
- All frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned in accordance with the BC CDC's Cleaning and Disinfectants for Public Settings document.
- All items that are assigned to a participant for a week will be cleaned/disinfected before the start of the next camp and before the items are loaned out to the next participant.
- Workers will maintain an adequate supply of cleaning and disinfection products and materials.

Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Any time the camper or workers enters an enclosed space (public washroom or Nature House), they will be required to wear a mask. SPES can provide a disposable mask to anyone if necessary.
- Campers must bring a face mask and we ask that they wear them when directed by a staff member (this includes if they cannot maintain a 2 metre distance, get injured and need non-distanced care, or they start to show signs or symptoms of COVID-19). As this camp will be completely outdoors and activities and spaces will be distanced (as per the COVID-19 public health guidance for childcare settings), campers do not need to wear a mask at all times. They are, however, expected to wear a mask when asked by the workers.
- SPES will ask participants who are having a challenge with social distancing practices to wear masks until they comply. If guardians have a mask that they can send with their child for that purpose, that would be appreciated. If not, we will have a few masks on hand. If a child's distancing practices do not improve, guardians may be asked to remove their child from camp for the day.
- Workers will wear a mask while leading the camp unless at a safe distance (3m +) from the campers.

I _____ (name + signature of guardian),

the guardian of _____ (camper), on _____ (date),
have read and agree to adhere to the guidelines that apply to me and my child or children.

I _____ (name + signature), on _____
(date), employed as an Educator for EcoCamps 2021, have read and agree to adhere to the guidelines in
this document.