

COVID-19 Safety Protocol for Stanley Park Ecology Society (SPES) 2021-2022 Field Trips

All teachers and guardians attending a SPES fieldtrip must read this form prior to the fieldtrip. On the day of the fieldtrip, SPES staff will provide a hard copy of this form for teachers and guardians to then sign.

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 COVID-19 infection or transmission as much as possible. Follow BCCDC guidelines for handwashing/disinfection at home and physical distancing:

- **Participants and workers are required to wear a mask at all times during the program**, and workers and participants must bring their own masks.
- **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 who has been asked to quarantine or self-isolate from Public Health.
- **The contact teacher must inform SPES's Health & Safety Representative if any participants fall ill from COVID-19 within 7 days of attending a program.**
- 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.
- **Participants are to maintain a distance of 2 meters from SPES workers.**
- **Teachers and guardians assume responsibility in helping students maintain their normal school practices around either physically distancing from each other, or not distancing if they are in a cohort, AND maintaining distance from the workers.**
- If the class practice or requirement is that the participants are to distance from each other, workers need to know ahead of time to be able to design and facilitate programs that are conducive to participants being able to distance from each other.
- **At the beginning of the program, workers will review the physical distancing and other COVID-19 protocols** that SPES workers require with participants (such as distancing from the workers) and will invite the teacher to reiterate any practices the participants are meant to follow.
- **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, as required within their normal practices and guidelines.
- 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**.
- 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.
- Only the agreed upon number of participants (students, guardians and teachers) will attend the program.
- 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)**