

## **WALE: Water and Land Education Covid 19 Policies**

All program participants and Westcoast Adventure College (WAC) leaders will be required to:

### **1) Read this document**

### **2) Sign the Covid Practices Agreement and Declaration of Health and Exposure**

### **3) Submit the results of an online Covid Screening Questionnaire**

- Five days before the start date of your program please go to <https://www.apple.com/covid19>, take the questionnaire, screenshot the results page and email it to us at [info@westcoastadventurecollege.com](mailto:info@westcoastadventurecollege.com).

## **Co-Management of Covid -19 Risk**

The responsibility for managing the spread of COVID19 will be shared with all program participants and WAC staff. The delivery of programming is dependent on everyone following all protocols and those that are unable to follow protocols will be excluded from activities.

## **Pre- program and Program Refunds**

- All participants are required to sign a declaration of health and exposure and complete an online Covid-19 screening questionnaire prior to commencement of their program
- WAC precautions and policies may change to reflect the state of the pandemic, risk of exposure or spread of the virus, and advice of public health and industry authorities
- Participants will be limited to those who can attest to not showing symptoms of the virus, to not having been exposed to anyone who is sick, and to those who have not travelled outside of Canada in the 14 days prior to the start of the program
- If WAC is forced to reschedule camps because of restrictive measures coming back into place due to a resurgence in the virus, everyone booked will be given the choice of rescheduling or receiving a refund
- If booked participants are not feeling well in the lead up to a trip, WAC will insist that they do not participate and will make that easy by offering a refund or a full credit
- In the event that schools return to full time classes you will be refunded the remaining amount of days left in the course

## **Group Hygiene**

- Whenever possible everyone must stay 2 metres apart
- Masks will be worn at any time that social distancing is not possible
- Participants will supply their own masks and personal supply of alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Participants are advised not to share food, beverages or transportation unless they are members of a cohabitating group

## **First Aid/Emergency Response and Evacuation Protocol**

**If a potential case of COVID 19 is discovered in the field the following protocols should be followed:**

- Where possible evacuation of a person suspected of being infected with COVID 19 should be done using internal resources to avoid unnecessary exposure to first responders
- The suspected infected person should be placed in quarantine until evacuation is possible
- A deep clean of all common areas, transportation and equipment should happen immediately post evacuation
- Increased vigilance with personal hygiene and deep cleaning of all points of contact is essential during and after an evacuation
- The subject should be managed and transported as directed in communications with health authorities
- If unable to reach health authorities for direction from a remote location, transportation, where possible, should be to medical facilities closest to the home community of the subject if possible
- The subject must confirm with WAC if they tested positive for Covid-19 and carry the virus so an appropriate response can be initiated to other participants. Other participants should meanwhile immediately follow protocols for self-isolation until this information is known

## **Equipment and PPE**

- All participants and guides/instructors must stay alone in a tent or with a person(s) with whom they have been cohabiting
- All participants and guides/instructors must supply and cook their own meals or share meals and cooking only with a person(s) with whom they have been cohabiting
- Before each trip WAC will ensure all company/guide/instructor owned soft goods (ropes and tarps etc.) have either been isolated for a minimum of three days or have been washed in warm, soapy water

## Covid Practices Agreement

I \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) have read and understood the document *Westcoast Adventure College Covid-19 Risk Management Practices for Youth Programs* and agree to abide by all directives stated therein. I further understand that my participation in the course or trip is contingent on my agreeing to all of the directives in that document and that my participation could be terminated if I am found not to be following these.

\_\_\_\_\_ (signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

### Declaration of Health and Exposure

1) Five days prior to the start date of your trip go to <https://www.apple.com/covid19> and complete the Covid-19 Screening Questionnaire. When complete take a screenshot of the result of the screening and email it to [info@westcoastadventurecollege.com](mailto:info@westcoastadventurecollege.com).

2) Read and complete the following:

I \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) hereby attest that:

- I am feeling well and have no signs or symptoms of illness
- I will cancel my participation in the trip/course if I show any signs or symptoms of illness within 14 days of the commencement of the trip/course
- I will cancel my participation in the trip/course if I am exposed to anyone who is sick within 14 days of the commencement of the trip/course
- I will not have travelled outside of Canada within 14 days of the commencement of the trip/course
- I do not have any medical conditions that may render me more vulnerable to Covid-19
- I will contact Westcoast Adventure College immediately to inform them if I show any signs or symptoms of illness within 14 days of the end of the trip/course

\_\_\_\_\_ (signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (date)