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## **Exploring New Horizons COVID-19 Health & Safety Plan: Pigeon Point**

**Summary:** The health and safety of our program participants and staff is our number one priority. The Exploring New Horizons (ENH) COVID-19 Health & Safety Plan provides a clear set of guidelines that will minimize the spread of COVID-19. These guidelines follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and the American Camp Association (ACA) recommendations for K-12 schools and summer camps. These guidelines will evolve as new recommendations are issued from state and county public health officials. All ENH staff are trained on this Plan and follow the guidelines provided.

**Updated Mask Policy (3.8.22):** Per state guidance, ENH at Pigeon Point is no longer requiring students, chaperones or staff to wear masks in an indoor setting, however anyone can wear a mask at any time if that is their preference. **Students will still be required to wear masks in the kitchen spaces when preparing meals for participants.**

The following plan includes the following to minimize the spread of COVID-19:

- 1. Pre-Program Staff Training & Policies:** all staff is vaccinated and trained in prevention
- 2. Participant Screening & Prevention Equipment:** All students & chaperones should be screened for symptoms before attending and tested if possible
- 3. Prevention Strategies:** Nearly all activities outside; daily screenings; enhanced sanitation/handwashing
- 4. Symptom Response:** Participants with symptoms will be isolated and parent/guardian will pick them up

### **1. Pre-Program Staff Training & Policies**

All ENH staff are vaccinated. Pigeon Point staff will be tested weekly. Participating schools must ensure that all classroom teachers and parent chaperones are vaccinated as well.

ENH staff are trained on the following:

- COVID-19 identification and prevention
- Policies on health & wellness and mitigating the spread of communicable diseases
- Self-screening at home
- The importance of not coming to work if ill or showing any symptoms
- The importance of frequent hand washing or using hand sanitizer when handwashing is not available
- The importance of physical distancing
- Sick student tracking and reporting
- ENH COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan
- Proper use of face coverings and proper hand washing
- How to properly isolate staff or campers in the event of illness
- How to talk about COVID-19 with children and adults
- How to talk about COVID-19 fears with children and adults
- Positive & supportive social and emotional learning strategies while ensuring students follow guidelines

Staff will adhere to the following:

- All staff will be required to stay home if they do not feel well or are showing any symptoms of illness
- All information that comes from the CDC or CDPH will be shared with staff during work hours to ensure everyone is up to date on COVID-19
- While working, staff will be required to frequently wash hands or sanitize, and to maintain social distance as appropriate

## **2. Participant Screening & Prevention Equipment**

Parents will check participating students for any symptoms prior to attending school on the first day of the field trip and any students or parent chaperones who show up to school with symptoms of COVID-19 will not be allowed on the bus.

It is strongly recommended that a school has all students tested within 72 hours of arrival at camp.

Once students arrive at the outdoor school and get off the bus, our staff will monitor students for any signs of illness. If a child has any symptoms of COVID-19, they will immediately be removed from the group and parents will be called to pick them up immediately (Please see Section 5: Symptom Response).

ENH will provide adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) for any ENH staff or classroom teachers caring for students with symptoms.

## **3. Prevention Strategies**

The ENH staff and chaperones will conduct daily symptom checks to monitor the health and well-being of students during the week.

Nearly all activities and learning will take place outside including:

- Arrival Circle and Lunch, Recreation time, Hike to Año Nuevo, Night Walk, Tidepooling, Beach Time, Evening activities when possible

Students will only be indoors when it is not possible to be outside due to weather and for the following activities:

- 45-minute breakfast and dinner in the Galley, double wide doors and windows to remain open (weather permitting)
- 30 minutes inside the historic fog signal building
- 30 minutes for a tidepool presentation inside the Galley
- 45~minutes for the puppet show which takes place in the Galley
- 45~minutes cooking breakfast or dinner or preparing lunch for the following day

When indoors, physical distance will be maximized as much as possible.

Key prevention strategies used at outdoor school include:

- Frequent handwashing for at least 20 seconds or the use of hand sanitizer if soap is not available
- Encouragement of staff and students to cough and sneeze into their tissue, or elbow and wash their hands immediately with soap and water

- Avoid crowded and/or poorly ventilated indoor activities
- Routine cleaning to help maintain healthy facilities
- A space for symptomatic students/staff to isolate on-site (Please see Section 5: Symptom Response)
- Enhanced Sanitation/disinfecting practices including:
  - o Meeting/gathering places stocked with disinfecting solution and hand sanitizer
  - o All restrooms sanitized and disinfected frequently
  - o Increased daily frequency of cleaning and sanitizing for all 'High Touch' surfaces
  - o When possible, windows will remain open to help increase air flow.
- Announcements and signage posted in highly visible locations that promote everyday protective measures
- Staff, students and teachers may wear masks if they choose to but they are no longer required.

#### 4. Symptom Response

The following are the crucial practices for ENH staff if they encounter potential COVID-19 symptoms, including fever, cough, tiredness, shortness of breath, muscle aches, chills, sore throat, loss of taste or smell.

COVID SYMPTOM FLOW CHART				
One COVID Symptom		Two Mild COVID Symptoms		Two Severe COVID Symptoms
If no taste/no smell, call parents about testing. Students sent home regardless of outcome.	If sustained temp over 100.4 F, call parents about testing. Students are sent home regardless of outcome.	If symptoms are mild fever and cough, call parents to see about testing the student.	If symptoms are mild and not cough or fever, staff will assess if a test is needed depending on relevant factors including medical history.	If symptoms are severe, call parents to see about testing the student.
If one symptom is present besides those listed above (eg fatigue, cough, diarrhea, mild headache) it is up to the discretion of staff how to proceed depending on health history (allergies, inhaler, etc) and situation.		Regardless of the outcome, the student is sent home.  If the test is positive, the rest of the cabin is tested. If negative, the rest of the cabin is not tested.		Regardless of the outcome, the student is sent home.  If the test is positive, the rest of the cabin is tested. If negative, the rest of the cabin is not tested.
		If a student is positive, vaccinated close contacts who test negative & students who have had COVID in the last 90 days can stay (if school can verify). Unvaccinated close contacts who have not had COVID in last 90 days are sent home regardless.		If a student is positive, vaccinated close contacts who test negative & students who have had COVID in the last 90 days can stay (if school can verify). Unvaccinated close contacts who have not had COVID in last 90 days are sent home regardless.

Any student going home according to the above chart due to COVID symptoms will be removed from the program

and isolated. An isolation room will be provided. If a symptomatic student is sent home at night and there is not time to test the other students and chaperones, the students will be tested first thing in the morning and will eat breakfast outside. ENH will arrange safe transportation home or to a healthcare facility (if severe symptoms) for the student or chaperone with the participants' parent or guardian. ENH will close off areas used by a person showing symptoms and will not use these areas until after cleaning and disinfecting them. All isolated students or chaperones will still be under adult supervision and will receive ample reading and drawing materials and attention from the Health Care Supervisor or another staff member while waiting for their parent or guardian to pick them up.