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EDUCATION

COVID-19 Program Principles & Policies

Wildsight puts the health and safety of our participants and our staff above all else. The following protocols are in place for the delivery of all Wildsight Education programs.

These guidelines have been informed by the following organizations:

- a. [COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 School Settings in British Columbia](#)
- b. [Outdoor Council of Canada](#)
- c. [BC Centre for Disease Control](#)
- d. [Province of BC Orders, Notices & Guidance](#)
- e. [Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network](#)

Wildsight Education Program Delivery Policies and Protocols

1. Educators must complete this [self-screening assessment](#) 24 hours prior to the morning of **each** program. Should they be experiencing any symptoms related to COVID-19, they must notify the school and the Wildsight office. Their program will be cancelled and rescheduled.
2. Students, teachers, and supervisors that are feeling unwell, or who are in isolation or quarantine must not participate in Wildsight Education programs.
3. We require that all educators regularly review provincial health guidelines, as well as individual school district and individual school policies to inform their program delivery. It is the responsibility of the educator to ensure their programs are adhering to all current COVID-19 guidelines. Wildsight will continue to communicate with our team of educators as new information emerges, but it is ultimately up to each educator to ensure that they are safely delivering Education in the Wild programs.
4. Program locations will be determined at the time of program booking. Where possible, programs should be delivered outdoors. Outdoor programs can take place in the school yard OR in nearby nature OR in a location that requires bussing. If bussing to site, educators will confirm with the school prior to their program that bus transportation details are consistent with those made at the time of booking, and will follow the specific school bussing protocols. These protocols may include the educator traveling independently to the field trip location.
5. Some programs lend themselves more easily to an indoor, classroom delivery. Indoor program delivery is permitted where local school protocols allow and the Wildsight educator is happy to do so. No Wildsight educator will be expected to deliver a program indoors against their will.

6. If educators need to enter the building, they must sanitize their hands and put on a mask prior to entry. Educators will check in with individual schools to confirm policies and procedures surrounding entering the school.
7. Depending on the school district and/or specific school/class protocols, educators may need to wear a mask or face shield when with a class where physical distancing is not possible and/or when delivering a program. This is especially relevant for any indoor program delivery. Please ensure you have discussed specific school protocols with your teacher prior to program delivery.
8. Limit the sharing of equipment, and where sharing equipment is required, ensure that participants have the opportunity to clean equipment effectively between users. Educators must clean and sanitize after each program.
9. Program equipment and props must be cleaned and sanitized after each use. The use of shared program materials/equipment will be minimized.
10. Wildsight educators will be provided with materials to ensure that all materials & equipment are sanitized between users.
11. Wildsight will continue to evaluate the delivery of our programs and develop program delivery methods that continue to connect learners to nature.

While delivering Wildsight Education Programs, all educators must:

- Adhere to all federal, provincial and local restrictions and guidelines pertaining to COVID-19 and adapt their programs accordingly
- Wash and sanitize hands frequently, particularly after coming into contact with others or touching communal surfaces
- Maintain a physical distance of 2 metres between themselves and participants.
- Wear a mask when social distancing is not possible
- Be aware of, and meet, all school specific COVID protocols

By signing this document, the Wildsight educator agrees to follow all of the principles and practices outlined in this document. These protocols will be updated as circumstances change and educators will be advised of any changes.