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School Programs 2021 – COVID-19 Health and Safety Policies

In order to provide a safe environment for all our visitors, staff and volunteers, the Kootenay-Columbia Discovery Centre Society has incorporated the following COVID-19 policies related to school programs:

- Group sizes are reduced. Only 1 school class and/or cohort of classes will be onsite at a time.
- Programming will take place outside, with time spent indoors minimized or eliminated all together
- KCDCS Staff will perform a daily health check. They will not work if they have any symptoms of COVID-19 or are sick.
- KCDCS Staff will wear face masks. Adults accompanying students are required to wear a mask. Students are not required to wear a mask but can do so if they wish (masks will not be provided).
- KCDCS Staff will follow proper handwashing, sanitizing and hygiene protocols.
- Students will not be allowed to touch certain props/natural materials due to the difficulty of sanitization between classes. Materials and equipment that are required to be touched by students will be disinfected before next use.
- Hand hygiene - an outdoor hand-washing station will be set up so that students/teachers/adults can clean their hands easily. Hand Sanitizer will also be available.
- KCDCS Staff are equipped with hand sanitizer for use out on the trail
- KCDCS has increased COVID-19 Cleaning Protocols. Main touch points are cleaned multiple times a day and after every program.
- KCDCS has onsite portable washrooms available for use by participants. Units are cleaned regularly throughout the day as per KCDCS's COVID-19 General Health and Safety Policies (link at end)
- KCDCS encourages teachers to make sure that if a student is feeling unwell, they should not be going on the fieldtrip. Also, if teachers are feeling unwell on day of field trip they are encouraged to send a TOC or cancel/reschedule the field trip
- KCDCS will not allow a school to visit that has a confirmed COVID-19 exposure, within 7 days of the exposure date. The program will be rescheduled or cancelled.
- KCDCS will allow a school to visit 7 days after the exposure, provided that the Interior Health Authority has cleared the school to have guests and travel.
- For more information, see KCDCS's COVID-19 General Health and Safety Policies (<https://discovery-centre.ca/resources/publications/>)

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