**Nevada Outdoor School**

**COVID-19 FAQ’s**

*Why do I have to provide my contact information on the participant agreement when I previously did not need to?*

Providing contact information on the participant agreement as part of the registration process ensures we have the names and up-to-date contact information for everyone attending specific events should there be a need to perform COVID-19 contact tracing. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we navigate through these trying times.

*I reviewed the “Participation Waiver” but I do not want to sign it.*

We understand that you may not be comfortable with agreeing to the “Participation Waiver”. Unfortunately, checking that you agree to the waiver on our participant agreement and signing that document is a requirement for participating in our Program. For the health and safety of all participants, everyone must confirm they have not exhibited signs of COVID-19 in the past 14 days and that they understand our social distancing protocols. We have two options for you to be able to participate in our program.

*My health is none of your business and I do not want to answer your questions. (In response to confirming lack of COVID-19 symptoms upon arriving at event.)*

We understand that your health is private and you may not feel it is our business to know. However, Nevada Outdoor School needs to be cognizant and respectful of not just you, but all participants. We are doing all that we can to help ensure that we are not spreading the COVID-19 virus during our time together.

*Why do I have to wear a face mask while attending an outdoor program?*

Wearing a face mask is a proven way to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. To help protect the health and wellbeing of all participants, everyone must have a face mask to participate in any of our programs. A face mask must be worn if someone is within 6’ of a person that is not within their household, or whenever we are in a group. There may be times during an outdoor program when people are closer than 6’ to one another, and everyone must be prepared with a face mask to protect the health and wellbeing of everyone in the group.

*I am unable to wear a face mask due to a medical condition?*

We respect your medical condition that makes you unable to wear a mask, however, for the health and safety of other participants, you must remain at least 6’ from anyone not in your household or we will have to ask you to leave.

*I forgot to bring my face mask.*

We have extra disposable face masks for anyone who did not bring a mask and NOS masks for sale.

*I do not have any hand sanitizer.*

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We will not be sharing or passing anything between us today so there should be no need for it but we do have hand sanitizer in case the need arises.

**Am I at high risk of getting the virus while attending this program?**

Nevada Outdoor School is very mindful of taking as many precautions as we can to help ensure COVID-19 is not spread during one of our programs. This is why we doing the following:

- Asking health questions, such as we do when everyone arrives, to ensure no one has any of the symptoms or has had or has come in contact with anyone who has had COVID-19 within the past 14 days.
- Maintaining and reminding people to maintain a 6’ distance from everyone that does not live within the same household throughout the program.
- Wearing a face mask while participating in the program

While we cannot 100% guarantee that someone will not come into contact with the virus by attending this program, we can assure everyone that we take this seriously and are doing everything within our power to ensure that we all maintain our health and wellbeing.

With that being said, if someone is in a high risk group and has underlying medical conditions, then we ask them to weigh for themselves if they are comfortable participating in the program. Research up to this point has led to the thought that there is less risk of contracting the virus in an outdoor environment than in an indoor environment especially when guidelines are being followed.

**What if people are not maintaining the 6’ distancing.**

Nevada Outdoor School program leaders will remind program participants throughout the program to maintain 6’ distancing as you are moving along and especially as you come to a stop or gather in a group.

If anyone has questions or concerns about Nevada Outdoor School’s COVID-19 guidelines or protocols, please contact Executive Director, Melanie.Erquiaga, at Melanie.Erquiaga@Nevadaoutdoorschool.org or by phone at 775-304-9395