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The following information addresses how Discovery Southeast intends to operate Outdoor Explorers summer camp in light of Alaska's COVID-19 mandates, [found here](#).

a. Group Size:

- i. Groups will not exceed the size authorized by the State of Alaska, currently 20 kids total in the course of a week.
- ii. The groups will remain consistent though the week, and not mix with different groups.
- iii. In order to provide groups even smaller than state mandates, we plan to maintain sub-groups of perhaps 4 to 8 children, which allows two groups to collapse into one group if needed, but will otherwise stay separate.
- iv. While administrative staff will necessarily supervise multiple groups at a distance, naturalist/leaders will work with a single group for the week.

b. Social Distancing

- i. We'll seek to maintain 6 feet of separation between individuals, including choosing games that allow social distancing.
- ii. Although we may receive instructions at a distance from an outside individual such as a park ranger, we will not have visitors and guests in contact with campers and will particularly attempt to avoid any outside visitor from contacting multiple groups of children.
- iii. We will minimize shared supplies. Campers will not directly access first aid kits, and we'll generally avoid activities requiring supplies. If we choose to use supplies, each camper will get their own, and any item touched by others will be cleaned before re-use.
- iv. We'll increase separation to at least 10 feet when an activity includes exertion, voice projection, or heavy breathing.

c. Structure

- i. We'll stay outside whenever possible, and currently do not plan to use confined transportation such as our vans. We encourage going to the bathroom outdoors.
- ii. To minimize mixing among groups in subsequent weeks, children are currently limited to one week-long session.
- iii. Participants must reside in Juneau, and have completed a 14 day quarantine if they came from elsewhere.

d. Hygiene

- i. Camps will have hand sanitizer and, when appropriate, hand washing supplies.
- ii. We will ask everyone to regularly wash or sanitize their hands.
- iii. We'll discuss disease transmission with the kids in an age appropriate manner, and reiterate the importance of good hygiene such as not touching one's face, handling items minimally, handwashing, and being conscious of others' exhaled air.
- iv. To the extent we have any items or surfaces that can be cleaned or disinfected, we will do so weekly, as well as when/if a participant or staff becomes ill with COVID-19.

e. Operations

- i. Employees will wear cloth face coverings at all times except short periods when it's necessary to remove them (social distance is to be maintained regardless).
 - ii. The efficacy and appropriateness of children wearing face coverings is still being determined, and we may regularly or at times require children to wear them. Children should bring a mask to camp that fits them and that they've practiced wearing.
 - iii. No food will be shared by participants or staff.
 - iv. Because camp does not operate from a physical building, this COVID-19 mitigation plan will be posted at DiscoverySoutheast.org.
- f. Health expectations of parents, children, and staff
- i. In addition to our regular Participant Agreement, parents will be asked to sign an addendum acknowledging risks associated with COVID-19.
 - ii. Staff and children must stay home if sick or with any COVID-19 symptoms, or if anyone in their household is experiencing symptoms.
 - iii. Upon arriving at camp each day each person (staff and participants) must be checked in with recorded notes determining none of the following exist:
 - 1. Fever of 100.4 or greater.
 - 2. Shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, a cough.
 - 3. Chills, muscle pain, sore throat.
 - 4. Loss of taste or smell.
 - 5. A member of the same household displaying any of the above.
 - iv. If someone develops any of the above symptoms during camp, they will be separated from the group and have to be picked up and taken home.
 - v. Various state and federal guidance currently differs as to how long someone displaying symptoms should stay home. Some suggest staying home until symptoms subside, or 72 hours after a fever, or 10 days after onset of symptoms. We seek to clarify this guidance by the time camp starts.
 - vi. We will attempt to inform other participants' families if a person in their group is staying home because of COVID-19 symptoms or diagnosis.
 - vii. Staff, participants, and parents should feel comfortable with how camp is operating. If anyone feels a situation arises that's not safe, they will be supported in reporting and avoiding it.
 - viii. Staff will be paid in full for the first 3 days if asked to stay home because of the above symptoms. Thereafter, medical documentation may be required, and Discovery Southeast will endeavor to continue paying salaries of staff staying home due to illness.