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The following information addresses how Discovery Southeast intends to operate in person programs during the ongoing pandemic. These are originally based on Alaska's COVID-19 mandates, [found here](#). Now that those are no longer in effect, we continue to update this document, in part referencing [CDC guidance for youth and summer camps](#), [CDC guidance for Child Care](#) as well as State or City specific mandates and guidance that apply.

a. Group Size:

- i. The groups will remain consistent though the program time, and not mix with different groups.
- ii. We plan to maintain sub-groups of about 8 children, with no group being greater than a total of 16 kids.

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, children are currently limited to one program at a time.
- iii. Participants must reside in Juneau, and if they've recently been outside of Alaska, they must comply with [Alaska Health Mandate No. 6](#). If they have been outside of Juneau, we ask that they also comply with [CBI's required and recommended steps](#).

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 when able to be more than 6 feet away from others at designated times. Children will be required to wear a cloth face covering as the default, and will be allowed breaks during meal times, designated mask breaks, or when the child requests it. Cloth masks may only be removed when more than 6 feet distance is possible from all other participants. Children should bring a mask to camp that fits them and that they've practiced wearing.
 - ii. Staff and campers must maintain a 6 ft distance while eating. If any food is served, the server will wear gloves or hand sanitizer before and after serving. No food will be shared by participants.
 - iii. 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 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, fatigue
 4. sore throat.
 5. Headache
 6. congestion or runny nose
 7. Nausea or vomiting
 8. Diarrhea
 9. Loss of taste or smell.
 10. 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. We will defer to the CDC guidance on when a participant or staff member can return after testing positive or having symptoms as indicated [here](#).
 - 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.