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The following information addresses how Discovery Southeast intends to operate in person programs during the pandemic. We've attempted to take guidance from government and public health sources, particularly the CDC information posted [here](#).

1. Atmosphere
 - a. We aim for an open environment where people feel generally comfortable and can express concerns and take an active role in promoting the health of the group. Questions and open deliberation are valued.
 - b. Early in programs we'll discuss covid prevention with the group, providing information and establishing expectations. We want everyone to feel responsible for helping to prevent covid transmission.
2. Group size and mixing
 - a. Individual groups contain up to 16 children, but may be larger if the group is already existing, such as a school classroom.
 - b. Groups do not mix with other groups, even at pickup or drop-off.
 - c. When Juneau's threat level is elevated, children may not enroll in a new group without a week off from their last Discovery Southeast group.
3. Indoor/outdoor space
 - a. Our programs occur outdoors.
 - b. Indoors spaces, such as a public restroom, shall be used minimally, observing strict distancing and masking requirements.
 - c. Van or bus transportation is generally not being used. We may, however, use transportation for limited numbers of children, when approved in advance by their parents and the camp leader, and when doing so is necessary for the involvement of a family that would not otherwise be able to participate. Community threat level, number of passengers, vaccination status, ability to provide ventilation, and spacing in the van shall all be considered.
4. Masks and physical distancing
 - a. Wearing a face mask is optional so long as programs are outdoors and children are not in sustained close contact. When children are in sustained close contact, such as working jointly on an intricate project, masks shall be worn.
 - b. In general, we will prioritize activities that maintain 3 feet or more of distance among individuals not part of the same household. When activities include exertion or projecting voices, we seek a greater distance. However, some un-sustained close contact is to be expected, even when children are not masked.
 - c. When worn, masks should fit well without gaps, and be made from a multi-layer material effective at reducing germ transmission.
 - d. Mask requirements may be strengthened if Juneau's community transmission levels become worse.
5. Who may participate

- a. Anyone arriving from outside Juneau must have complied with [local travel requirements](#) such as quarantine or multiple negative covid test results before taking part in programs. Residents of local Southeast communities need not quarantine so long as the community they are coming from is not experiencing elevated threat levels.
 - b. Participants must complete our Participant Agreement, including a pandemic addendum if we have one at that time.
 - c. Participants should stay home if they're experiencing covid symptoms, have had a close contact with someone who has covid, or if they have other reason to believe they've had exposure. For example, a sibling showing symptoms may be cause to stay home.
6. Health Screenings
- a. We ask health questions at the beginning of a program (i.e., at the beginning of a week of camp). While those questions can vary based on guidance, currently they include:
 - i. Fever of 100.4 or greater.
 - ii. Shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, a cough.
 - iii. Chills, muscle pain, fatigue
 - iv. sore throat.
 - v. Headache
 - vi. congestion or runny nose
 - vii. Nausea or vomiting
 - viii. Diarrhea
 - ix. Loss of taste or smell
 - x. A member of the same household displaying any of the above.
 - b. Anyone experiencing the above, and not attributable to something besides covid, should stay home.
 - c. We ask staff, participants, and parents to report to us if any of these conditions arises after the health screening.
7. Hygiene and sanitation
- a. 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.
 - b. We'll promote good hygiene including hand washing/sanitizing, and cleaning any equipment that's shared.
 - c. Hand and equipment sanitizing supplies will be kept available.
8. Staffing considerations
- a. Staff are afforded paid sick leave in their staffing agreements, and additional paid leave may be granted when deemed necessary to prevent the risk of disease transmission.
 - b. Staff are expected to be vaccinated against covid unless they're avoiding it for a legally-protected reason such as medical condition or religious exemption.
 - c. Guest speakers are allowed in camp, but must maintain strict distancing of 6 feet or greater, be masked, and take part outdoors. They too must comply with health, travel, or other limitations provided in these protocols.

9. Covid exposure

- a. If someone develops symptoms, tests positive, or has a close contact during camp, we'll isolate and remove that person.
- b. While we may not share information every time a participant goes home with minor symptoms, we will notify the families of other participants if we have reason to believe someone in the group has developed covid. This applies equally during the program as well as after the program is completed, so long as there's a reasonable risk covid could have been transmitted in the program.