

## COVID-19: Assumption of Risk and Program Protocol Agreement

The San Juan Islands Youth Conservation Corps has adopted strict operating policies and risk management protocols to reduce the risk of participants coming in contact with and contracting the novel Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) that causes the disease known as COVID-19. By participating in YCC, or engaging in any form of activity outside the household, the parent/guardian and youth must understand the inherent risk in possibly coming in contact with the virus. This agreement form will inform participants and their families of the strategies and protocols YCC is adopting, and identify the real potential for risk in the possibility of coming in contact with this virus. If a participant become infected with coronavirus, YCC will not be held responsible, as long as the following risk management techniques and strategies have been implemented and followed strictly:



### 1. Prior To Acceptance into Program:

- a. Leaders and participants with any underlying health conditions increasing the risk of infection will be strongly advised of the CDC's guidelines of sheltering-in-place. Underlying health conditions include: asthma, chronic lung conditions, autoimmune conditions, diabetes, obesity, cancer, serious or frequent illness, over age 65, or any other condition that could leave the participant more vulnerable to the ill effects of COVID-19. Any participant who has these conditions or lives with someone with these conditions must strongly consider their choice of participating in YCC.

### 2. Upon Acceptance to Program:

- a. All participants and leaders accepted will participate in daily health screening guidance and notification policies.
- b. Clear communication to participants and their parents/guardians on the importance of hygiene, good health, sleep, quality nutrition, and being extremely aware of any signs of potential illness. When in doubt, stay home!
- c. *Subject to change depending on San Juan County recommendations:* Leaders and Participants to be quarantined on their island of work for 14 days prior to fieldwork beginning or contact with other people in the community.

### 3. Daily Arrival Protocols in the Field:

- a. As each youth arrives to work site separately (no carpooling!), and before parent/guardian leaves, leader (with face mask on during health check) will approach youth within 6 feet and conduct a daily health screen:
  - i. Verbally and visually observe/ask: How are you feeling? Have you noticed any change in your health? Any reports of coughing or shortness of breath?
  - ii. Daily temperature check: using a no contact infrared thermometer.
  - iii. Youth must go home if *any* of the following are present: Fever over 100.4°F.; Dry cough; Shortness of breath; Sudden confusion (with no other rationale); Difficulty breathing; Pain or pressure in chest (with coughing). In this case, contact YCC management immediately.
- b. If youth passes the screen, they are permitted to be released into the YCC crew for that day

### 4. Daily In the Field protocols:

- a. All tools will be sanitized daily.
- b. All youth and staff will be assigned their own gloves at the start of season, to be brought daily and not shared throughout the season.
- c. Leaders will verbally and visually check in with participants regarding health status.

- d. It will be important to manage emotional as well as physical/medical safety. Staff should strive to be thoughtful around humor style, etc.; something that is funny for some groups may be very uncomfortable for others. It is important to create group norms around this, based on each group's comfort levels and be consistent. Staff will check in with each group regarding this.
- e. Crew Leaders will ensure that alcohol-based hand sanitizer is also available; hands must be rubbed thoroughly until dry.

**5. Field Visitor Policy:**

- a. Crew leaders should courteously approach all visitors to our crews (including YCC staff) to inquire if the visitor is feeling well or has recently been exposed to an ill person.
- b. If possible, limit the amount of visitors to 2 people.
- c. Visitors must wear face masks and practice 6-feet social distancing if possible.

**6. If Participant suddenly shows signs of COVID-19:**

- a. Immediately isolate the participant with physical distance from other participants.
- b. Call participant's Guardian and arrange for immediate pickup.
- c. Call YCC management immediately; a 14-day home quarantine plan for all exposed persons will be necessary unless a negative result test is provided.
- d. Other participants may need to go home immediately, as well, depending on circumstances related contact.

*I agree to the above terms and understand the protocols for reducing the spread of coronavirus. I agree to do everything in my power to personally reduce transmission by following the above-mentioned policies, and I understand the severity and importance of doing so. I also understand that, while YCC is taking large strides in safety precautions to reduce the risk of contracting coronavirus, there is inherent risk in leaving my household, and YCC will not be held liable in causation, blame, or medical expenses and damages involved with potential coronavirus infections of youth and families.*

Youth Name:

Youth Signature:

Date:

Parent Name:

Parent Signature:

Date: