

## **COVID-19 FAQs – CBF Multi-Day (overnight) Field Programs**

Chesapeake Bay Foundation additional protocols for **Multi-Day** (overnight) education field programs.  
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The Chesapeake Bay Foundation Education Program is excited to offer our traditional in person field programming for this fall. We recognize the importance of maintaining a safe and healthy environment for our programs. Below are some of the additional procedures being implemented in response to Covid-19.

- All participants are expected to comply and support all policies and safety directives given by CBF staff and participating group leaders. CBF expects group leaders to fully support and ensure that all students comply with all policies. Failure of a group to support or comply with policy may result in a program cancelling.
- While operating under these policies, it is important to remember that traditional programming will be altered to comply with current Covid safety measures. For example, large group and indoor activities, extended time spent on boats and/or certain boat activities, as well as engagement within the local communities are all limited.
- All participants must be fully vaccinated to attend the program
- All participants must have a completed and have a signed CBF health form
- Mask are required when indoors, on boats, and outdoors when social distancing cannot be maintained.
  - Masks can be removed when sleeping
  - Masks can be removed when eating during mealtimes
- Participants are expected to carry masks with them at all times so that when needed they can put them on quickly.

### **MEALS: Meal Preparation & Kitchen Use**

1. CBF will provide all kitchen utensils, plates, and cook-wear but no food. It is the group leaders responsibility to provide all group food and supervise meal preparation, distribution and clean up. CBF staff will provide guidance but will not be involved in food preparation.
2. Face masks will be worn by all participants while preparing food or working in the kitchen.
3. Hand washing is required upon entering the kitchen for the first time as well as frequent hand washing and sanitation while in the kitchen.
4. The kitchen may not be used as a 'cut-through' passageway by anyone.
5. When the kitchen is used by participants for food serving or dish washing, windows will remain open and the ventilation hood turned on to promote air exchange.
6. Kitchen and dinner area will be thoroughly cleaned when the meal is complete.
7. CBF staff will not be eating group food.

### **MEALS: Dining Space Protocol**

1. All participants will wash hands prior to meals.
2. Whenever possible meals should be eaten outdoors. If people must eat indoors participants will be spread out as much as possible and windows open for ventilation.
3. Staggered mealtimes may be implemented to reduce the number of participants in the kitchen/ dining area at a time.
4. When eating indoors masks may not be removed until seated with food to eat. Masks must be worn again when the meal is finished.

### **Enhanced Cleaning**

1. Enhanced cleaning protocols will be used during the program.
2. Staff and participants will work together to ensure that all common areas will be cleaned on a regular basis.
3. Additional hand washing and sanitizing stations will be provided.

### **Sleeping**

1. Teachers and chaperones will be responsible for managing sleeping assignments and order.
2. Participants can remove their masks once in bed and also when brushing teeth.
3. Participants are only allowed in the room they are assigned.

### **Illness**

1. In the event of a medical incident, CBF staff will follow their First Responder protocol.
2. If a participant is exhibiting covid related symptoms that participant will be isolated.
3. If it is determined that the participant is ill then a discussion will occur with the school and CBF leadership as to the next steps. Since schools are coming from varying locations the plan for transportation out of the program will vary.
4. If discovered post trip that there is a positive covid case CBF will follow its policy for reporting.

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