

Friends of Quarry Hill Nature Center

COVID-19 Preparedness Procedures for Youth Programs



In order to keep children, volunteers and staff as safe as possible, we will be implementing the following procedures:

Group Size

Children will be grouped by grade level and stay in these groups throughout the program. Each small group will be limited to 10 people total. This will be 8 students, 1 teacher and 1 assistant. Each group will use the outdoors as the primary gathering space and have its own hand washing station.

Drop Off & Pick Up

Parents/guardians will follow designated lanes in the parking lot to the program drop off area. We ask that all parents/guardians and any siblings remain in the car. A greeter will meet your car and ask health screening questions before the student exits the vehicle. The greeter will sign in the child and direct them to the proper group teacher. Parents/guardians and children are asked to wear a mask during drop-off and pick-up procedures.

Hand Sanitizing

Children will sanitize hands (at a minimum) upon arrival, after touching shared program materials and before departing for the day. Hand washing stations (soap and water) are available onsite at Quarry Hill after children use restroom facilities. Teachers will carry hand sanitizer that may be used as needed if a hand washing station is not available.

Sanitization

Staff will sanitize all commonly touched surfaces multiple times throughout the day. Any equipment used during programs will not be shared among participants and will be sanitized.

Face Masks

Staff will wear face masks when physical distancing of more than 6 feet is not possible. We ask that children ages 2+ wear face masks when unable to physically distance in accordance with CDC guidelines. For example, children will not need to wear masks while kayaking, fishing or free exploring at a distance. They will need to wear masks if the groups are indoors or children have to gather close together.

Being Prepared

Children need to bring a labeled, filled water bottle. Quarry Hill Nature Center will not be providing a snack, nor should children bring a snack. Children must apply sunscreen and bug spray prior to arriving at Quarry Hill for programs.

Screening

Parents are expected to monitor the health of their child and keep them home if they or a family member are exhibiting any of the following symptoms:

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| Cough | New loss of taste of smell | Fever |
| Nausea | Chills | Vomiting |
| Muscle Pain | Diarrhea | Sore throat |
| Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing | | |

If a child or staff experiences any COVID-like symptoms, they will need to stay home and are encouraged to contact their doctor for a COVID-19 test. If a student or staff tests positive for COVID-19, Quarry Hill Nature Center will follow this procedure:

- Notify local health officials, staff and families immediately of a possible case while maintaining confidentiality.
- Initiate cleaning and disinfection protocols
- Sick staff or participants may not return until they have met CDC criteria to discontinue home isolation.
- Inform those who have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 to stay home and self-monitor for symptoms and follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop.

If a child becomes sick during a program, they will be isolated from others and monitored by staff. Sick children will need to be picked up within 30 minutes. We ask that arrangements for unexpected need for pick up are in place and that pick up will take place as soon as possible. Parents should communicate to staff if the emergency contact for the day has changed so that campers are picked up within the 30 minute window if they become ill.

These procedures may be modified at any time based on the recommendations from the MN Department of Health and CDC. QHNC reserves the right to cancel programming at any time if we are not able to safely teach participants.

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