

Teton Science Schools COVID-19 Preparations

The presence of the COVID-19 pandemic in society raises additional health and safety concerns while participating in a Teton Science Schools (TSS) program. To reduce the likelihood of disease transmission and to manage the presence of illness if detected, TSS staff have used their best judgment to alter program operations in light of CDC recommendations, state and local health department guidance and evolving industry practices. To be eligible to participate in a TSS program, you must agree to the following practices and systems to support our efforts. We will continue to monitor the situation and will make changes as needed. Program activities and locations may be altered, potentially at the last minute or during the program.

Before the program begins:

- Participants will be asked to not attend their program if they:
 - Show any signs and symptoms of illness (see list below)
 - Share a household with someone who has symptoms of illness that are undiagnosed.
 - Have spent time (≥ 15 minutes within 6 feet of an individual) who is ill or who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.

During the program:

Hygiene

- Participants are required to bring a mask and follow TSS staff guidance on when to wear it.
- Participants are required to be diligent about personal hygiene during their program and follow the TSS protocols for hand washing, hand sanitizer and personal hygiene, as identified by their instructor or teacher.
- Participants should avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth
- Participants will participate in hand washing/ sanitizing:
 - When they arrive on campus
 - Before and after eating food
 - After using the bathroom
 - Before leaving campus
 - As directed by TSS staff
- Participants will cover coughs or sneezes with a tissue or in the crook of one's arm.
- Participants will refrain from sharing any of their personal belongings.
- Camp groups (13 students and two instructors each) will not mix during the week.
- We will not be taking field trips beyond the Jackson Campus (no transportation in TSS vehicles)
- All staff will wear face masks
- At all times, students will either maintain social distance of 6 feet+ or wear masks

Daily Health Check

Before joining their group or class, participants will engage in a daily health check:

- Is anyone in your household unwell?
- Is a fever present (100.4 Fahrenheit or higher)? Take temp and follow disinfecting guidelines for the thermometer used.
- Do you currently have any of the following:
 - Chills?
 - A new or worsening cough not caused by another health condition?

- New or worsening difficulty breathing not caused by another health condition?
- Sore throat?
- New or worsening muscle aches not caused by another health condition?
- New or worsening headache that is not normal for you and not caused by another health condition?
- New loss of sense of taste or smell?
- In the last two weeks, have you had close contact (within 6 feet for at least 10 minutes) with anyone who is unwell or has been diagnosed with COVID-19?
- If a participant has a fever or any symptoms identified in the health check, they will not be permitted to engage and program. They cannot be present at a TSS facility, and TSS will recommend they see a health care professional.
- If a participant has spent time near someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 14 days, they will not be permitted to engage in TSS programming.
- If a participant has spent time near someone who has undiagnosed signs and symptoms of illness, they will not be permitted to engage in TSS programming.

Signs and Symptoms of Illness Emerge During the Program

- If a participant becomes ill during a TSS program, they will be removed from their group and will need to be picked up within a reasonable time of parents and caregivers becoming aware of it. TSS will recommend that the participant sees a healthcare provider.

If a participant or educator is diagnosed with COVID-19, TSS will comply with the recommendations of Public Health for contact tracing and any altered operations. [Standard policies](#) will apply for cancellations.

Teton Science Schools will follow CDC guidance or the recommendation of a health care provider about when an unwell participant can re-engage with in person programming.

Non-Compliance

Refusal to comply with any part of this system is grounds for removal from the program. In these instances there will be no refunds.

After the program

TSS asks that participants alert our staff, if they become ill with signs and symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or if they are diagnosed as having COVID-19 within 14 days after the end of their TSS program.

Legal

Contracting a communicable disease and/or illness, including COVID-19, is a risk of bringing people together in person. While we have altered our operations to reduce the likelihood of transmission and to manage staff and students who might become unwell while at our facility, we can't eliminate the risk of contracting a communicable disease in our programs. By participating, you agree to assume the risks of contracting COVID-19.