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## COVID-19 Protocols and Mitigation

This page goes over a list of protocols that we at Northwest Outdoor Science School (NOSS) are following to help decrease the spread of COVID-19. Outdoor School is classified as a high-risk setting for the transmission of COVID-19. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the COVID-19 Protocols that NOSS has in place please contact the office at 503.614.1402 or email [ODSOfficeAdmin@nwresd.k12.or.us](mailto:ODSOfficeAdmin@nwresd.k12.or.us).

**COVID-19 Testing:** You and your class may be interacting with people from all over the state during their week at NOSS. Because of this, we are **asking and highly recommending all students and teachers to take a Rapid Antigen Test for COVID-19 the day before arriving at their Outdoor School site.** Tests are available for free from your school, if you need any supplied to you, please reach out to your district to obtain these. If you or a student tests positive for COVID-19, please do not send them to Outdoor School.

**Health Check:** Before attending NOSS please do a health check with your students prior to getting on the bus to come out to Outdoor School. These symptoms will be visually screened:

### Primary COVID symptoms for screening

- Cough
- Fever (over 100.4) or chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell

### Increasingly common COVID symptoms in children

- Cough
- Runny Nose
- Sore Throat
- Nausea
- Diarrhea
- Fever
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Vomiting

**Ill Teachers:** Teachers who are exhibiting new symptoms once arriving at Outdoor School will be attended to by one of our Registered Nurses on-site. Teachers with mild symptoms with an unclear cause (such as a slight runny nose that may be caused by allergies) **may** be cleared to remain on site with a negative COVID-19 test and at the discretion of our Nurse. **Teachers who test positive or are “too sick for school” will need to leave premises as soon as possible.** You will stay in the isolation room until your departure.

**Face Masks:** NOSS is a mask-friendly program. Masking at any time, inside or outside, is encouraged and face-masks will be available should students want them during their time on site. However, due to the overnight nature of our program, there will be times (eating and sleeping) where wearing a mask would not be feasible or safe. Masking will not be required unless dictated by state mandate.

**Staff/Student Leaders/ Parent Volunteers:** We would not be able to run our program without the help of our high school/college student leaders and parent volunteers. All people over the age of 16 (including Student Leaders, Staff, and Parent Volunteers) must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (proof of vaccination required).

**Further Mitigation Efforts:** NOSS students spend as much time outdoors as possible each day. When inside, windows will be left open whenever possible, and air purification systems will be placed in every cabin where students are sleeping.

Depending on transmission rates of COVID-19 in the counties we serve as well as current ODE and OHA guidelines, NWRESD reserves the right to change protocols relating to COVID-19 at any time. We will communicate with schools as early as possible so that every family has the most current information.



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## COVID – 19 General Consent Form

By completing this form and returning it to Northwest Outdoor Science School (NOSS), I confirm that I consent to be tested for COVID-19 during Outdoor School. COVID-19 testing may be offered that develop symptoms of COVID-19 while at NOSS.

I understand that COVID-19 testing is optional and that I may refuse to give consent, in which case, I will not be tested. I understand that if I show COVID symptoms or if the NOSS nurse determines that I am too ill to stay, I will need to leave the premises as soon as possible, due to the inability to test - to - stay.

I understand that the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has ordered these tests. I understand that neither OHA or NOSS is acting as my healthcare provider and this testing does not replace treatment by my healthcare provider, and I assume complete and full responsibility to take appropriate action regarding my test results. I understand that it remains my responsibility to seek medical advice, care and treatment from my healthcare provider.

I understand that there is a possibility of false negative COVID-19 test results and I could still be infected with COVID-19 even if the test result is negative. I also understand that if I test positive for COVID-19, the test result will be reported to the local public health authority as required by law.

### COVID – 19 Testing Consent

TEACHER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission to NOSS to test me for COVID- 19 if symptoms develop. I understand that if I test positive I will need to leave the premises as soon as possible.

I opt-out of being test for COVID-19 while at NOSS. I understand that if I show symptoms or if it is determined necessary by the NOSS Nurse, I will need to leave the premises as soon as possible due to an inability to test – to – stay.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Required Signature