



Outdoor workshop COVID-19 operating plan

I follow the BC Provincial Health guidelines for 'Field trips' (Ref.1, p.15; Ref.2, p.34), 'Interacting with learning groups/Itinerant Staff and Specialists' (Ref. 2, p.11-12), 'Outdoor programs' (Ref.2, p.39), STEM programs (Ref.2, p.42), as well as the Vancouver School Board's COVID-19 Safety Plan 2021 (Ref. 4).

The day of the workshop

- I perform a health check. If I have any symptoms of COVID-19, or any respiratory illness, I will cancel the workshop, and proceed as advised by Provincial Health. (Ref.1, p.18; Ref.4, p.15.)

During the workshop

- I do not enter a school building (unless in an emergency, or explicitly invited by school administration).
- I meet workshop attendees outside (effective environmental exposure control measure), either on the school grounds or at a nearby park or beach. (Ref.1, p.6; Ref.2; Ref.4)
- I maintain a 2 metre distance from students and school staff. (Ref.1, pp.6 /13; Ref.2, p.13; Ref.4, p.23)
- I wear a mask as a secondary precaution. (Ref.1, pp.6 and 21; Ref.2, p.28; Ref.4, p.24)
- I sanitize my hands before, and frequently during, the workshop. (Ref.1, p 20; Ref.2, p.27)
- Workshop materials found in the natural world are preferred. If I bring additional materials for attendees to use, they are prepared as outlined below, and I sanitize my hands and put on gloves before handling them. (Ref.1, p.6; Ref. 2, p.8.)

Preparing and packing workshop materials

- I wash my hands and put on gloves and a mask before packing materials for a workshop.
- Materials that have been previously touched, particularly those with hard surfaces, are disinfected with 0.5% hydrogen peroxide before packing (Ref. 3). Smaller materials are individually packaged in a clean baggie for each workshop attendee (Ref. 2, p.42; Ref.4, p.28, 30).

References

1. http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID_public_guidance/Guidance-k-12-schools.pdf (updated Feb 4th 2021)
2. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/k-12-covid-19-health-safety-guidelines.pdf> (updated Feb 4th 2021)
3. http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/CleaningDisinfecting_PublicSettings.pdf
4. [VSB COVID-19 Safety Plan, Safe Work Instruction, and Protocols pdf](#) (Jan 2021)