

The Ecology School's COVID Safety Guidelines for Overnight School Programs

In accordance with the State of Maine guidelines and with the health and safety of all involved (including both staff and guests) the following safety protocols are in place and being followed. Protocols will be assessed and updated as the CDC and State of Maine guidelines evolve. Guidelines updated on August 19, 2021.

If you have questions about The Ecology School's COVID mitigation, please contact Alex Grindle, Director of Programs. Alex can be reached via email, alex@theecologyschool.org.

1. Face masks are required for all on-site staff, students, and chaperones, in the presence of others, except when eating or sleeping. Exceptions may be made for outdoor settings where physical distancing is being maintained.
2. Client Schools will screen all students and chaperones before they get on the bus/transportation to The Ecology School for any COVID symptoms or in close contact with a COVID positive person.
3. Staff, students, and chaperones, shall not participate in events and programs if they have been diagnosed with, or in close contact with, someone with COVID within 10 days preceding, or according to current CDC guidelines.
4. Client Schools, in conjunction with The Ecology School, will create student cohorts by grouping roommates in lesson and meals groups.
5. Rooming capacity will be limited to 2 people per room. Exceptions may be made in cases of vaccinated students/chaperones and/or previously cohorted students/chaperones.
6. In each Dormitory room, air turn over (fresh air from outdoors) is 6 times per hour every hour.
7. Frequent hand washing will take place by all staff and participants, including directly before each meal.
8. Regular cleaning and disinfecting of frequently used places and spaces, including door handles and bathrooms, will be conducted.
9. Time outdoors and small groups will be maximized.
10. During meals, table groups will be kept small and participants will be spread out.
11. All of the Ecology School's staff are vaccinated.