

MARINELAB'S COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS January 2021

Parental Info

MarineLab has always prioritized the safety of our students and staff, and coping with COVID-19 is no different! Here are the ways that we are protecting your child and our staff during your child's stay at MarineLab.

We will also ask you to complete a form the day before the program affirming that your child is not sick, no one in your household is sick, the child has not to your knowledge been exposed to COVID-19, and agreeing to our mask policies.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!

PROTECTION

In conformance with Monroe County ordinances, all students and staff are **required** to wear masks throughout the day except:

- While eating and drinking
- While snorkeling (exchanging one mask for another that is much more fun to wear!)
- While sleeping
- If students are more than 6 feet apart while outdoors

Frequent mask breaks will be given throughout the day.

VENTILATION

- Dependent on group size, if there is not space to keep students 6 ft apart during labs and classroom presentations, we will conduct them outside
- The dorms are equipped with ceiling exhaust fans so the air is constantly refreshed, not just recirculated.
- The boats come with lots of breeze!!

DISTANCING

- Beds have been spaced out and marked so that children will sleep with their heads alternating, and alternating top and bottom bunks. Students' heads are at least 6' away from each other while sleeping.
- Meal times are staggered so that no more than 30 people are in our cafeteria at one time (it seats 60).
- Seats and hallways are marked to ensure 6' distance between people.
- In the cafeteria, staff will serve all students. No self-service is allowed.

COHORTS/GROUPS

- Students are broken into boat groups which are also their table groups and dorm groups (gender allowing) to reduce mixing of groups
- On the boats and in the dining hall, groups are limited to 9 people maximum including their chaperone.
- Their snorkel buddy is also their lab and classroom buddy.
- As much as possible, the same instructor & captain will be with each group throughout their program.

CLEANING & DISINFECTING

- Surfaces are cleaned frequently throughout the day
- All lab equipment is cleaned and disinfected daily.
- Each student has their own snorkel equipment which is disinfected after each field trip. Snorkeling is a messy sport!
- We provide masks, fins, and snorkel vest, plus a souvenir snorkel if they don't bring their own equipment!
- The boats are cleaned and disinfected daily.
- Frequent hand washing is encouraged.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the property.
- Soap is available on the boats too!
- Cafeteria staff disinfect tables between groups.

SCREENING

- Staff are screened daily for temperature, symptoms, and potential contact.
- Students will be temperature screened upon debarkation from the bus and daily on their way into breakfast.
- A sick student will be isolated immediately and parents called to come and take the child home.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 305-451-1139 ext 201 or email coordinator@marinelab.org.