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MARINELAB COVID-19 PROTECTION PROCEDURES as of July 9 2020

MarineLab has always made the safety and health of our attendees and staff its top priority and will continue to do so. Pending further guidance from local, state, and federal agencies, plus the American Camping Association, we are implementing these policies for scheduling programs through December 2020. We may extend these policies through June 2021, depending on the agencies listed above.

1. The MarineLab campus will accommodate only 2 small or 1 larger school/group on site at a time.
2. One single group will be limited to a maximum of 40 participants to allow us to spread everyone out among the dorm rooms, classrooms, boats, and cafeteria to maintain social distancing protocols. If two small groups are present, each group is limited to 18 participants. The groups will be housed on opposite ends of the building and with separate meal times, in addition to our standard procedures of having dedicated boats, classrooms, and labs.
3. There will be a minimum of 8 hours between the departure of one group and the arrival of the next to allow our cleaning staff extra time to deep clean and disinfect all surfaces, using guidelines published by the CDC.
4. We are currently monitoring food service guidelines and will adjust how we serve meals and allow access to self-serve items such as drinks and salad bar as recommended by government authorities including the Health Department.
5. We will limit the normal rotation of MarineLab staff so that each group of students is working with the same instructor and boat captain as much as possible.

Our cleaning protocol has always included

- disinfecting of the moisture-proof mattresses between every group
- restrooms cleaned and re-stocked throughout the day
- particular attention paid to all touch surfaces such as doorknobs, hand railings, bed railings, toilet flush handles, countertops and tables/desks
- Full disinfecting of all snorkel gear between users

At a minimum, we are now adding

- hand sanitizer in every classroom, lab, the cafeteria, gift shop, and pavilion
- more frequent disinfecting of all touch surfaces
- disinfectant washes on the boats and for snorkel equipment after *every use* even though each participant keeps the same gear for the duration of their stay.
- Disinfectant solution on the tables, seats, and all surfaces after every meal in the cafeteria after the students have wiped the tables and left the room
- Biodegradable hand soap on the boats

This is a responsive plan and subject to change as new guidelines become available and changes to restrictions are enacted. Additional protocols may be added.

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