

COVID-19 Information for Participants

The overall principle guiding CPAWS Southern Alberta's actions and decisions is to ensure the safety, health and well-being of our staff and program participants. We will follow the guidelines of the Government of Alberta based on the advice of the province's Chief Medical Officer.

CPAWS Southern Alberta Protocols

CPAWS Southern Alberta is taking the following measures to keep you safe:

CPAWS Southern Alberta staff will...

- Pass a daily health screen.
- Maintain a physical distance of 2 meters from the group.
- Wear a non-medical mask during the entire program and follow proper mask use.
- Encourage and conduct the following:
 - thorough and frequent hand washing and/or
 - utilization of hand sanitizer with a minimum of 60% alcohol
 - respiratory etiquette
- Not deliver your program while sick, if they have tested positive for COVID-19 or if they have travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days.
- Utilize physically distant activities during the program.
- Eliminate or reduce shared materials as much as possible.
- Thoroughly clean and disinfect shared materials between programs.
- Comply with contact tracing.

Participant Responsibilities

Your role as a participant is very important to keep everyone safe. You must commit to the following responsibilities:

- Conduct and pass a health screen and temperature check for yourself and your children (if applicable) before coming to the program.
- Do not come to the program with symptoms.
- Be familiar with and follow the CPAWS Southern Alberta rapid response plan.
- Maintain physical distancing.
- Practice respiratory etiquette (e.g., coughing or sneezing into a bent elbow, promptly disposing of used tissues in a personal garbage bag in their backpack – or, if possible, a lined garbage bin).
 - Ensure you bring a plastic bag to collect your tissue – preferably one that seals
- Ensure you follow instructions from the Facilitators in Charge and CPAWS staff, maintain physical distancing (as appropriate) and do not share food.

Rapid Response Plan

Our Rapid Response Plan outlines steps to be taken if someone develops symptoms of COVID-19 during an in-person program.

- If anyone fails the health screening prior the program, they cannot join the program.
- If someone develops symptoms during the program, they will be isolated from the group.
 - For indoor programs, this means a separate room.
 - For outdoor programs, staff will keep the person with symptoms at least 2 meters away from the group.
 - If the CPAWS staff or the Facilitator in Charge develops symptoms, the program will end immediately. The person with symptoms will stay 2 meters away from the group and arrangements will be made to get the group back to school/home safely.
- If staff need be in close contact with or administer first aid to someone with COVID-like symptoms, staff will be mindful of handwashing/hand sanitizing, wear gloves and a mask, and avoid contact with respiratory secretions during all interactions with the person.
- Staff and/or Facilitators in Charge will isolate and sanitize all items used by the person with symptoms as soon as possible. Soft surface items or other items that cannot be cleaned and disinfected will be isolated for a period of 24 hours.

Non-compliance

If you do not comply with our COVID-19 risk mitigation procedures (e.g. physical distancing, respiratory etiquette, etc.), the Facilitator in Charge will immediately remind you of the rules and decide if you will need to leave the program. CPAWS will end the entire program early if non-compliance behaviour continues. This is at the sole discretion of CPAWS Southern Alberta staff.