



CBEEN COVID-19 PLAN

POLICIES, PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES

September 1, 2020

In light of current needs to limit the spread of COVID-19, CBEEN is implementing the following plan for facilitating any in-person activities, including workshops, events or Wild Voices programs for the mutual safety of educators and participants.

1. CBEEN recognizes that there is a continually evolving understanding of COVID-19 and what we can do to minimize the spread of the virus while providing high quality programming in a societal and political context that is also evolving. Our programs and activities are informed by the following listed organizations:
 - a. [COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 School Settings in British Columbia](#)
 - b. [Outdoor Council of Canada](#)
 - c. [WorkSafeBC COVID-19 and returning to safe operation](#)
 - d. [BC Centre for Disease Control](#)
 - e. [Province of BC Orders, Notices & Guidance](#)

We request that all educators regularly review the relevant sections to inform their program delivery and communications with participants.

2. All programs, events and activities should adhere to the following general guidelines associated with reducing the spread of COVID-19, including:
 - a) Adhering to all federal, provincial and local restrictions and guidelines pertaining to COVID-19.
 - b) Not accepting a participant who is feeling unwell, or under quarantine or isolation order.
 - c) Not participating if you are feeling unwell, or under quarantine, or isolation order.
 - d) Accommodating travel to programs or events only within the current guidelines provided by the Province of British Columbia.
 - e) Washing hands frequently, in particular before and after coming into contact with others and communal surfaces.
 - f) Maintaining physical distance from participants (2m).
 - g) Wearing a mask when physical distancing is not possible.
 - h) Limiting sharing of equipment, and when this is required, ensuring that participants have the opportunity to clean equipment effectively between users.
 - i) Adapt program location and/or timing to relieve overcrowding of high traffic areas. As outdoor environments are generally currently being viewed as causing lower transmission rates, as compared to indoor environments, educators should locate their activities outdoors as much as possible.



3. The additional principles specifically relate to **hosting workshops and events**:
 - a. CBEEN will follow the specific provincial guidelines for events and gatherings, including workshops, as outlined here: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/event-planning>.
 - b. We require that everyone who is leading or participating in one of our activities or events complete a BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment within 24 hours of participating: <https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en>
 - c. CBEEN will take into account the current comfort level of participants in selecting an appropriate group size and venue. With this in mind, we will encourage participation from more localized areas within the Columbia Basin, and we will avoid hosting overnight events using shared accommodation.
 - d. If events or workshops are unexpectedly cancelled, we will provide participants with a full refund.
 - e. We will also continue to support the delivery of online training and events as demand warrants.

4. The additional principles specifically relate to **Wild Voices** and are unique to this program context:
 - a) We require our Community Educators to complete a BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment within 24 hours of delivering a program. <https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en>
 - b) Children and youth are the primary participants of Wild Voices programming, though adult educators, teachers and supervisors are present and participating in all Wild Voices programs. The health and safety of all program participants should be considered by the educator when delivering programming.
 - c) When selecting field sites, it is recommended that locations on the school grounds or within walking distance be chosen in preference over locations that require travel by bus to support physical distancing and accommodate reduced bus capacity. If bus transportation is being chosen by the program, please only do so if the School District and school the booking is being planned for allows student transportation by bus offsite at the time the program will take place.
 - d) Depending on the location of the School District or individual school there may be differing policies relating to COVID-19. It is essential that CBEEN members who are facilitating this program comply with ALL policies outlined by School District or school they will be at when delivering any programs. CBEEN will do our best to communicate to community educators of changes as we are made aware of them, but it is up to the community educator to confirm the current policies at the time of their program.
 - e) CBEEN will continue to evaluate the situation and support the develop of program delivery methods that meet the needs of the situation, including programs on schoolyards, nearby nature and online.
 - f) If booked programs are unexpectedly cancelled, as funding allows we will endeavor to provide 50% honorariums to the educators whose programs were booked within 1 month of the cancellation date in order to recognize their preparatory time.

In order to deliver program, events and workshops, all educators must confirm that they understand these principles and practices and will additionally follow emerging updates as necessary as requested by CBEEN.



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