



## Yosemite NatureBridge Program Health & Safety Plan (HSP)

### Purpose

The NatureBridge Program Health and Safety Plan (HSP) is intended to provide a clear set of guidelines to minimize the risk of communicable diseases and to guide management if illness does occur. NatureBridge staff and Participants (students, teachers, chaperones, conference and wedding guests) will be trained on appropriate elements of the HSP and expected to follow the guidelines provided. These guidelines follow the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), [American Camp Association \(ACA\) recommendations for summer camps \(Field Guide for Camps on Implementation of CDC Guidance\)](#), [California Department of Health Guidance for Day Camps](#), Washington State guidelines and Virginia guidelines. In addition, for programs operating on National Park Service lands, NatureBridge also follows the [Guidance on Minimizing COVID-19 Exposure in Shared Housing](#) from the US Department of the Interior (with housing exceptions granted by the NPS Superintendent, NPS Regional Director, and NPS Deputy Director). NatureBridge makes no guarantee that these guidelines will prevent a potential transmission of a communicable disease, including COVID-19. **These guidelines will evolve as new recommendations are issued.**

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## Pre-Program Training for Communicable Disease

### All NatureBridge Staff

- ❑ All NatureBridge staff will be trained on the following:
  - ❑ [COVID-19 symptom](#) identification and transmission prevention including:
    - ❑ Use of face coverings, how to wash hands and use hand sanitizer
    - ❑ How to properly isolate staff or participants in the event of illness
  - ❑ Sick Participant tracking and reporting, including contact tracing procedures
  - ❑ U.S. Public Health liaison role with the National Park Service
  - ❑ Additional NatureBridge site specific COVID-19 guidelines
- ❑ All NatureBridge education and operations staff will also be trained on:
  - ❑ Social and emotional learning factors while teaching during a pandemic, including how to talk about COVID-19 and illness-related fears with children and adults
  - ❑ General communicable disease identification, prevention and reporting

## Pre-Program [Screening](#)

These are the crucial things we need staff and Participants to know prior to arriving on a NatureBridge campus.

### NatureBridge Staff

- ❑ NatureBridge staff who are working onsite will have a COVID-19 PCR test before starting employment with NatureBridge (if PCR tests continue to be readily available in each county)
- ❑ NatureBridge staff who are working directly with Participants will be required to have a full course of COVID-19 vaccination prior to employment (once vaccinations become readily available)
- ❑ Staff will complete a [COVID-19 Pre-Screening Health Questionnaire](#) for the 14 days prior to starting a program
- ❑ NatureBridge staff will conduct temperature checks via touchless temporal thermometer each day of work upon arrival at campus. Any staff with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will not be able to work that day
- ❑ NatureBridge will not allow on program any staff member with a [positive diagnosis of COVID-19](#) who has not been asymptomatic for at least 10 days. This means they have not had any COVID symptoms, including but not limited to fever, cough or shortness of breath, for a full 10 day period prior to arriving at a NatureBridge site
- ❑ NatureBridge will not allow on program any staff member with COVID-19 symptoms who has not been asymptomatic for at least 10 days (unless they have a negative COVID-19 tests within the 10 day period)
- ❑ In accordance with NatureBridge policy, NatureBridge will not allow on program any staff member who has been ill with any non COVID-19 diagnosis unless they have been asymptomatic for at least two days (48 hours)
- ❑ NatureBridge staff members who are in a [higher risk category](#) will work with their supervisor for an alternate work plan

### Participants

- ❑ NatureBridge will not allow on program any Participant with a positive diagnosis of COVID-19 who has not been asymptomatic for 10 days. This means they have not had any fever, cough,

shortness of breath or other COVID-associated symptoms for a full 10 day period prior to arriving at a NatureBridge site and that they have evidence of a negative COVID-19 test

- ❑ NatureBridge will not allow on program any Participant with COVID-19 symptoms who has not been asymptomatic for at least 10 days
- ❑ Participants will be asked by school or program staff before the start of their program about the following. Anyone who answers [yes](#) to these questions within 14 days of the start of the program cannot attend:
  - ❑ Have you, your child, or any family member had any specific COVID-19 or general illness symptoms in the past 14 days?
  - ❑ Have you or your child had any direct contact with a friend, family member or someone who has had a positive test for COVID-19 or has been sick with COVID-19 symptoms in the past 14 days?
  - ❑ Are you or any of your family members frontline workers who worked directly with COVID-19 patients in the past 14 days?
- ❑ Vaccinated Participants will be expected to follow the CDC guidelines for [vaccinated individuals](#)
- ❑ NatureBridge does not allow on program any participant who has been ill with any non-COVID-19 diagnosis unless they have been asymptomatic for at least two days (48 hours)
- ❑ If you or your children have any [underlying health issues](#) that make you more at risk with a potential COVID-19 illness, please discuss additional mitigation procedures with NatureBridge administrative staff
- ❑ Participants are required to supply a clean [face covering](#) each day for themselves and their children (children older than two years old included). These face coverings will be used for any indoor activity or activities where six feet of separation cannot be maintained. Participants should notify NatureBridge in advance of the program if they or their child are unable to wear a face covering
- ❑ When you arrive, a masked NatureBridge staff member will do a temperature check of every masked Participant with a touchless temporal thermometer. If any Participant is 100.4 degrees or above, they will need to quarantine in a cabin and eventually leave the site. NatureBridge recommends schools and other guests do a pre-check prior to arrival
- ❑ NatureBridge reserves the right to not allow any Participant on any program if:
  - ❑ Staff deem they pose a communicable disease risk to others
  - ❑ Their state or county are under federal, state or county orders to limit travel due to COVID-19
- ❑ NatureBridge may not operate if campus locations are under phase 1 federal, state or county shelter-in-place orders due to COVID-19 or if a county in which we operate is in the purple phase of the California [“Blueprint for a Safer Economy”](#), or phase 1 of the WA or VA state guidelines
- ❑ All Participants will fill out and sign a COVID-19 specific waiver and acknowledgement of risk, as well as the standard NatureBridge registration form prior to the start of the program
- ❑ If communicable disease occurs on program, NatureBridge will initiate its [onsite communicable disease response](#) and inform all Participants

## Onsite Prevention

These are the practices NatureBridge staff and Participants take while they are on campus.

### Onsite Mitigation: Participant Transportation and Arrival

- ❑ Transportation to NatureBridge program
  - ❑ Schools or programs travelling via bus are required to follow any California Department of Public Health (CDPH) mandated bussing guidelines for COVID-19

- ❑ Schools or programs travelling in personal vehicles must follow any CDPH guidelines for travel in effect at the time of program
- ❑ NatureBridge will arrange arrivals at Curry Village and Crane Flat to maintain physical distance between Participants. This may include staggered arrival times and one way traffic flows. Detailed arrival directions and instructions will be shared with program leads prior to arrival
- ❑ When you arrive, a staff member will do a temperature check of each Participant with a touchless temporal thermometer. If a Participant registers 100.4 degrees or above, they will be checked again with a different thermometer and/or in a shady location. If still above the 100.4 threshold, the Participant will need to quarantine and eventually leave campus
- ❑ NatureBridge staff will conduct an introduction to the site, site rules and COVID-19 mitigation guidelines for each Participant (see Onsite Mitigation below)

### Onsite Mitigation: Participants

- ❑ NatureBridge staff, supported by school program chaperones, will monitor all Participants for signs of illness. If Participants develop any illness signs or symptoms, they will be temperature checked. If 100.4 degrees or above on more than one reading, they will be quarantined in Curry Village tent cabins or the Crane Flat staff cabin and eventually leave campus. Participants may be required to quarantine if they have any other signs or symptoms that could be indicative of COVID-19, even without fever
- ❑ Program participants will be trained on proper mitigation methods specifically for COVID-19 and for other communicable diseases, including:
  - ❑ Participants will be shown the [proper way to wash hands](#) and how to use hand sanitizer
  - ❑ Handwashing with soap and water before and after breakfast and dinner, after using restroom facilities, and whenever available during their trail day
  - ❑ Proper hand sanitizer use with at least 60% alcohol before and after lunch or snacks when applicable, any close group activity, and after touching any human made surface or their faces
- ❑ Participants will be trained how to use face coverings:
  - ❑ Participants will use face coverings while inside any building including cabins or dorms (except while sleeping)
  - ❑ Participants will use face coverings if they cannot maintain three feet of separation from people while outside on campus or on trails
- ❑ Participants will be instructed on the “pod” concept:
  - ❑ Pods are a group of Participants who have been living, socializing or in the same pod in a school setting
  - ❑ Each pod will maintain three - six feet of separation between other Participants whenever possible or wear masks when distancing is not possible
  - ❑ Each pod will be assigned specific meal spots for breakfast and dinner
  - ❑ Each pod will receive their own trail lunch for the day
  - ❑ Pods will follow their school policies on [distancing](#) as much as possible while on trail or they will wear masks if unable to maintain appropriate distance
- ❑ Participants will be trained on how to identify and report any illness including specific COVID-19 signs and symptoms in themselves and others
- ❑ Participants will be informed of the following guidelines:
  - ❑ Do not share food, utensils, cups or water bottles
  - ❑ Avoid touching any part of your face including mouth, nose or eyes
  - ❑ Cough and sneeze into your shoulder or tissue (not into hands or elbow)
- ❑ If pods encounter visitors while in Yosemite, they will be instructed to:

- Stay at least 6 feet away when possible
- Utilize face coverings if closer than six feet
- All Participants onsite at the time of a positive COVID-19 test will be notified

### Onsite Mitigation: Education & Operations Staff

- All staff will receive communicable disease training, including a copy of the Health and Safety Plan (HSP)
- Education/operations staff onsite will have temperature checks each morning. Temperatures 100.4+ degrees will necessitate educator replacement with the on call system
- Education and operations staff will wear face coverings while working indoors at all times with any staff or participants or if they cannot maintain 6 feet of separation outside
- Education/operations staff will keep windows open in all buildings they are working in
- Education/operations staff working onsite will be tested for COVID-19 if they experience fever, cough, shortness of breath, other symptoms concerning for COVID-19, or if they have been exposed to COVID-19, so long as tests are readily available. NatureBridge will not allow on program any staff member with a positive diagnosis of COVID-19 who has not been asymptomatic for at least 10 days. This means they have not had any COVID symptoms, including but not limited to fever, cough or shortness of breath, for a full 10 day period prior to working at a NatureBridge site
- Education/operations staff will not come to work if they have any non-COVID-19 illness symptoms until two days (48 hours) after they are asymptomatic
- Group building and educational activities will minimize contact between Participants
- Educators will use teaching supplies only within each pod
- Operations and education staff may be required to assist facilities in specific cleaning and disinfecting duties (surface cleaning, etc.)
- If any staff test positive for COVID-19, [contact tracing](#) will be done to notify anyone who has been in [direct contact](#) with the staff member. [Exposed](#) NatureBridge educators will be in [quarantine](#) in their housing for 14 days
  - People who have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 are not **required to quarantine if they have been fully vaccinated against the disease and show no symptoms** - (CDC as of March 12, 2021)
- All participants onsite at the time of a positive COVID-19 test will be notified

### Onsite Mitigation: Facilities

#### *Pre campus opening*

- Facilities staff will reopen Crane Flat and ventilate buildings in accordance with [Section 4.0 of the Field Guide for Camps on Implementation of CDC Guidance](#) (where applicable)
- Some NatureBridge facilities do not have heating, ventilating, and cooling (HVAC) systems. Proper ventilation will be accomplished utilizing open windows where appropriate

#### *Facilities staff*

- All staff receive communicable disease training, including a copy of the HSP
- Facilities staff working onsite will have temperature checks each morning. Temperatures 100.4 degrees or higher will necessitate a replacement
- Facilities staff working onsite will be tested for COVID-19 if they experience fever, cough, shortness of breath, other symptoms concerning for COVID-19, or if they have been exposed

to COVID-19, so long as tests are readily available. NatureBridge will not allow on program any staff member with a positive diagnosis of COVID-19 who has not been asymptomatic for at least 10 days. This means they have not had any COVID symptoms, including but not limited to fever, cough or shortness of breath, for a full 10 day period prior to working at a NatureBridge site

- ❑ Facilities staff will not come to work if they have any non COVID-19 illness symptoms until 2 days (48 hours) after they are asymptomatic
- ❑ If any staff test positive for COVID-19, contact tracing will notify anyone who has been in direct contact with the staff member
- ❑ All participants onsite at the time of a positive COVID-19 test, or those who may have been exposed to someone infected with COVID-19, will be notified

#### *Facilities onsite*

- ❑ Facilities staff (with the support of Site Managers and/or educators) will disinfect high use surfaces (door/sink handles, tables, railings, faucets and sinks) throughout the Crane Flat campus 2 times per day using CDC approved cleaning [procedures](#)
- ❑ Facilities staff will clean the Crane Flat campus in the morning after breakfast and at the end of each day
- ❑ In the event that a Participant exhibits COVID-19 signs or symptoms:
  - ❑ Utilize available sick participant tent cabins and/or the staff cabin at Crane Flat as a quarantine room for the Participant until they can leave campus.
  - ❑ Inform all Participants onsite of the specific spaces that will be cleaned (Note: If all affected areas can be closed off and have not been used by other Participants, NatureBridge does not need to close the program)
  - ❑ Clean the staff cabin and any facilities that the sick Participant used:
    - ❑ Open all doors and windows immediately
    - ❑ Wait 24 hours before cleaning and disinfecting
    - ❑ Staff will clean the spaces wearing N95 masks and gloves. Staff will disinfect the cabin with [EPA](#) approved cleaners for human coronaviruses
    - ❑ Staff cabin will be vacuumed with a high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter on the vacuum
    - ❑ Affected spaces can be used after disinfecting
  - ❑ If it is more than seven days since the participant who is sick visited or used the NatureBridge campus, additional cleaning and disinfection is not necessary
  - ❑ If more quarantine space is needed, staff will consider the El Portal Hotel or available unoccupied staff housing
- ❑ All Crane Flat campus cleaning will be documented on a cleaning checklist

#### **Onsite Mitigation: Kitchens and Dining Halls**

##### *Pre campus opening*

- ❑ Facilities staff will reopen kitchen, dining hall and dorms/cabins in accordance with [Section 4.0 of the Field Guide for Camps on Implementation of CDC Guidance](#) (where applicable)
- ❑ Some NatureBridge facilities do not have heating, ventilating, and cooling (HVAC) systems. Proper ventilation will be accomplished utilizing open windows where appropriate

##### *Kitchen staff*

- ❑ All staff receive communicable disease training, including a copy of the HSP



- ❑ Kitchen staff working onsite will have temperature checks each morning. Those with temperatures 100.4 degrees or higher or signs or symptoms of COVID-19 will need to leave the premises immediately and be replaced
- ❑ Kitchen staff will wear face coverings and gloves while working inside with other staff or participants or serving food outside to participants
- ❑ Kitchen staff will wear glasses, goggles, or a face shield in addition to a face covering and impermeable aprons while they are doing dishes with the industrial dishwasher (to prevent contaminant splash). Face shields and glasses should be disinfected between uses
- ❑ Kitchen staff working onsite will be tested for COVID-19 if they experience fever, cough, shortness of breath, other symptoms concerning for COVID-19, or if they have been exposed to COVID-19, so long as tests are readily available. NatureBridge will not allow on program any staff member with a positive diagnosis of COVID-19 who has not been asymptomatic for at least 10 days. This means they have not had any COVID symptoms, including but not limited to fever, cough or shortness of breath, for a full 10 day period prior to working at a NatureBridge site
- ❑ Kitchen staff will not come to work if they have any non COVID-19 illness symptoms until two days (48 hours) after they are asymptomatic
- ❑ If any staff test positive for COVID-19, contact tracing will notify anyone who has been in direct contact with the staff member
- ❑ All participants onsite at the time of a positive COVID-19 test, or those who may have been exposed to someone infected with COVID-19, will be notified

#### *Food service*

- ❑ Pods and/or each Participant will be required to physically distance while inside the Crane Flat dining hall or Curry Village dining pavilion in accordance with their specific school policies (either 3 or 6 feet)
- ❑ Total number of Participants will be limited in the Crane Flat dining hall and Curry Village dining pavilion to allow physical distancing
- ❑ Participants will be required to wear masks when not eating or drinking
- ❑ Participants will be served food in dining halls that is individually plated or boxed
- ❑ Lunch will be in trail group pods and prepared by an adult utilizing gloves

#### **Onsite Mitigation: Dorms and Cabins**

- ❑ Participant assignments in the dorms at Crane Flat and tent cabins in Curry Village will be arranged to limit numbers to allow Participants to maintain 6 feet of separation while indoors
- ❑ Windows will be opened for ventilation (depending on weather conditions)
- ❑ Participants will wear masks inside when not sleeping
- ❑ Participants will be housed together in accordance with their specific school or program's policies. These policies must follow CDPH and California Education Code requirements
- ❑ Specific rooms will be set aside for the potential quarantine of ill Participants

#### **Onsite Mitigation: Bathhouses**

- ❑ Bathhouses will be cleaned and disinfected daily by NatureBridge staff at Crane Flat and Aramark staff at Curry Village
- ❑ An Aramark, NatureBridge or school program staff will monitor bathhouse use to only allow a specified number of Participants at a single time for physical distancing indoors
- ❑ Participants will wear masks in any bathhouse (except while showering)
- ❑ Participants will be required to limit their time inside a bathhouse

### Onsite Mitigation: Campfires and Evening Programs

- ❑ Campfires will be in separated pods, single school or program, or physically distanced depending on the campfire site. **Note: National Park campfire regulations may prohibit campfires at any time**
  - ❑ Due to the potential for smoke induced coughing, masks will be worn by staff and participants throughout the campfire program
- ❑ If staff facilitate any singing or shouting campfire activities, they will increase the physical distance between themselves and different Participants to at least 20 feet
- ❑ Non-campfire outdoor and indoor evening programs will be conducted utilizing masks and physical distance (if multiple pods are together)



## Onsite Communicable Disease Response

These are the crucial practices for Yosemite NatureBridge staff if they encounter illness. A COVID-19 outbreak concern occurs when 1 or more Participants or staff experience these [specific symptoms](#):

- Fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea

A general illness outbreak concern occurs when three or more Participants or staff experience the same gastrointestinal illness symptoms in the same place. Campus field staff will initiate **Immediate** and **Secondary** actions. NatureBridge Administrators will initiate **Tertiary** actions.

Priority	Actions
<b>Immediate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Isolate ill Participants in the designated tent cabins in Curry Village or staff cabin at Crane Flat with adult supervision and:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Get key for separate bathroom in Curry Village or block off specific stall at Crane Flat for ill Participant use</li> <li>❑ Prohibit ill Participants from using any common spaces</li> <li>❑ Contact guardians for potential transport (if not already contacted)</li> </ul> </li> <li>❑ Ill Participants with fevers = or &gt;100.4 or specific COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home after consulting with EMS (as needed)</li> <li>❑ Notify NatureBridge facilities staff at Crane Flat to clean sick rooms, bathrooms and all affected surfaces using CDC approved illness response guidelines</li> <li>❑ Notify Yosemite Hospitality staff about any illness, begin cleaning in Curry Village and share NatureBridge Sick Student Tracking form</li> </ul>
<b>Secondary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Contact NatureBridge administrative staff</li> <li>❑ Campus administrative staff will document incident on Google doc and share with appropriate campus staff and/or NPS staff               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ For a potential COVID-19 transmission within the park, admin staff will notify National Park Service officials to initiate the following</li> </ul> </li> <li>❑ Alert NatureBridge educators and operations staff to look out for emerging illness - reemphasize handwashing and other illness mitigation guidelines</li> <li>❑ Monitor remaining Participants for additional cases of illness; document</li> <li>❑ Educators must document illness on Incident Report Forms</li> </ul>
<b>Tertiary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Campus administrative staff notifies:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ All onsite groups about suspected or actual COVID-19 illness                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Inform onsite group leads to contact at home school administrators</li> <li>❑ At home school administrators (if group leads have not contacted them)</li> <li>❑ US Public Health Service</li> <li>❑ County Health and Human Services (in consultation with US Public Health Service or NPS). Typically NPS will contact county public health</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>❑ For suspected COVID-19 illness, contact tracing will be initiated with the support of the US Public Health Service</li> <li>❑ Campus may close, depending on the actual illness, for 24-48 hours for extra cleaning</li> </ul>

## Appendix A: Participant Pre-Screen Questionnaire

School programs and/or Group Leaders will ask Participants the following pre-screen question prior to getting on a school bus to program:

Recent health status - 14 days prior to the start of your NatureBridge Program\*

<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<p>1. Have you or any family members had any of these signs or symptoms of illness in the last 14 days?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea</p>
<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<p>2. Have you or any family members had close contact** with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 or with signs/symptoms of illness in the last 14 days?</p>
<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<p>3. Are you or any of your family members frontline health workers who worked directly with patients with COVID-19 in the past 14 days?</p> <p>*if anyone answers yes to these first 3 questions, they are not allowed on program</p> <p>** <u>Close contact</u> is defined by CDC as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person (probable or confirmed COVID-19 case) for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated. The World Health Organization (WHO) additionally includes persons with direct physical contact with a probable or confirmed case or direct care for a patient with probable or confirmed COVID-19 disease without using proper personal protective equipment.</p>

## Appendix B: Backcountry Programs

NatureBridge backpacking educators will be expected to follow all of the policies and guidelines in the NatureBridge Program Health and Safety Plan in addition to these Backcountry guidelines.

### Pre-Backpacking Program

#### Pre-Program Training for Staff

NatureBridge backpacking staff will be trained on the following:

- NatureBridge Program Health and Safety Plan
- Backpacking Addendum guidelines for COVID-19
- COVID-19 suspected evacuation out of the backcountry

#### Pre-Program Information for Parents

- Parents and Armstrong Scholars are required to:
  - Sign the NatureBridge Extended Backpacking Participant Registration Form
  - Read and understand the NatureBridge Program Health and Safety Plan
  - Agree to limit contact outside of their immediate household for the 14 days prior to program start
  - Understand that NatureBridge reserves the right not to admit (or to send home if symptoms become apparent during the program), at its sole discretion, individuals who pose a potential communicable disease risk to others, and that a screening will be conducted before programming begins which could potentially be disqualifying of participation
  - Not come to NatureBridge if they exhibit [COVID-19 symptoms](#). Participation in future programming will be offered in this case
  - Have a commitment to being honest and transparent about health, exposure and symptoms before and during NatureBridge programming
  - Submit a [Health Screen](#) upon arrival to program in addition to their Medical Form
- NatureBridge will not allow anyone (participant, staff, volunteer, etc.) with a positive diagnosis of COVID-19, who has been symptomatic in the 14 days prior, to participate in programming. This means an individual must have been free of fever, cough or shortness of breath for a full 14 day period prior to joining a NatureBridge program
- NatureBridge will not allow anyone who has been ill with any non-COVID-19 diagnosis who has been symptomatic in the 3 days prior to program start date (72 hours) to participate in programming
- If a participant has underlying health issues and may be more susceptible to or directly affected by COVID-19, NatureBridge staff will discuss the safety of that participant with their guardians
- NatureBridge reserves the right to not allow any participant on any program if we conclude that they pose a communicable disease risk to others, or if they have been dishonest about health, exposure or symptoms

## Onsite Prevention

### Upon Arrival to NatureBridge - Pre Program Health Screen

- Before programming begins, staff and participants will be screened for illness. For staff, this will take place just prior to student arrival. For participants, this will take place upon arrival for the start of the program. The screening will include the following components:
  - Staff will re-ask all questions from the Health Survey for two weeks prior to start of program
  - Staff will ask all individuals if they currently have the following symptoms:
    - Fever or chills
    - Dry cough
    - Shortness of breath at rest
    - Diarrhea or vomiting
    - Nausea
    - Headache
    - Loss of taste or smell
    - Sore throat
- No individual whose Health Survey indicates illness or exposure to COVID-19 OR who has current symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will be permitted to work or participate in the program
- Participants and staff will be visually screened throughout the course for any emerging COVID-19 signs or symptoms

### Armstrong Scholars Cohort

- Subsequent to the program arrival health screen:
  - Students and staff will form the Armstrong Scholars Cohort
    - Masks are not required in the cohort
    - Physical distancing is not required in the cohort
    - Masks and 6 feet of physical distancing will be utilized when encountering anyone from outside the cohort
- If illness consistent with COVID-19 occurs within the cohort, follow [Onsite Illness Response - Backcountry](#)

### Hygiene Practices

- Staff will be trained on hygiene practices, will model and teach participants, and will ensure practices are consistently followed. Staff will educate participants about signs and symptoms of COVID-19 during the first 24 hours of the course
  - Hand washing and hand sanitizing
    - Hand washing will occur frequently, especially after using the bathroom, before preparation of food, before snacks and meals, before bed, and after rising in the morning
    - Hand washing stations with soap and water will be set up at camp and throughout the day whenever possible
    - Staff will ensure that at least 60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer is also available; hands must be rubbed thoroughly until dry
    - Each participant will receive a sufficient supply of hand sanitizer for the duration of the program
  - Face coverings

- Staff and participants will be supplied with face covering
- Face coverings will be worn when coming into contact with the general population, or when interacting with volunteers or guests
- Face coverings will be worn by anyone exhibiting signs/symptoms of illness
- Additional hygiene practices
  - Staff will instruct all participants, staff members and volunteers to:
    - Avoid sharing food, utensils, cups or water bottles
    - Avoid touching mouth, nose or eyes
    - Cough into shoulder or tissue (not into hands or elbow)
    - Alert a staff member about any symptoms that develop

### **Food Preparation, Cooking and Meal Service**

- Food will be prepared by a limited number of individuals at a time, and all others will avoid the kitchen area
- Whenever possible, meal prep and cooking will occur in an open air environment
- Prior to entering the kitchen area, the cook team will wash hands
- The cook team will use food serving techniques which minimize contamination of food in communal pots
  - All dishes and utensils will be cleaned with boiling water once per week in the backcountry
  - No bare hand contact with group prepared food (except your own food)

### **Tent Practices**

- Staff and participants will be encouraged to sleep outside whenever possible
  - Shelters will be set up for inclement weather
    - Extra shelters will be carried so the number of individuals in each shelter is minimized (4 students per tarp or 2 students per 4 person tent)
  - Staff will determine if they bring tents or tarps for shelter

### **Interactions with Non-Program Individuals**

- Interaction with individuals outside of the core group of NatureBridge participants and staff should be limited and only occur when necessary
- During resupply or other public interface (backpackers, NPS employees, etc) staff and students will maintain over 6 feet of separation and wear masks when appropriate
- Any visitors (additional NatureBridge staff, board members, volunteers, etc) must be pre-approved by the Campus Director or Director of Risk Management and will be pre-screened for COVID-19 illness
- All visitors, including NatureBridge staff who are not a part of the daily program, must wear a face covering at all times or maintain a distance of more than six feet in the outdoors

## Onsite Illness Response - Backcountry

If symptoms consistent with COVID-19 arise during NatureBridge backpack programming, NatureBridge staff should initiate the following Immediate, Secondary, and Tertiary actions:

Priority	Actions
<b>Immediate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Move healthy participants away from sick individual(s) to the extent possible.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Isolate sick individuals in an available shelter</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prohibit sick individuals from using communal bathrooms, common spaces, eating spaces</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Staff and sick individuals will wear face coverings during all interactions. Staff will wear gloves when handling anything utilized by sick participant</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Begin evacuation procedures: contact NatureBridge management via satellite phone to initiate evacuation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Thoroughly clean all cooking pots and utensils</li> </ul>
<b>Secondary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sick individuals with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will be sent home after consulting with NatureBridge management, parents and/or EMS (as needed)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Participant will be quarantined at Rocky Road apartment in El Portal with adult supervision utilizing available staff through the Manager on Call document</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Staff will arrange for COVID-19 PCR tests through Yosemite Valley, El Portal or Mariposa</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Document on Incident Report Form</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Notify all families of students on course about the illness</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Notify NPS or other partner (if applicable)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Monitor remaining participants for signs of illness and require extra hand washing and sanitizing of surfaces</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Discuss with NatureBridge management whether to keep students and staff in isolation and monitor for symptoms or to evacuate all participants and end the course</li> </ul>
<b>Tertiary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> If participant's COVID-19 test is positive:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Remaining students are evacuated to Peregrine Dorm at Crane Flat                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Staff will arrange for COVID-19 PCR tests through Yosemite Valley, El Portal or Mariposa</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Students will be sent home after results OR potentially return to course if logistics and guardians allow</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> NatureBridge Director of Risk Management notifies or delegates notification of:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> All Parents</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> County Health and Human Services</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> US Public Health Service (if necessary)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Broker/Carrier</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Board</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## Pre-Program Health Screen

Supplemental to NatureBridge Medical Information Form - 14 days prior to program start

### Current Health Status

Student Name:	
Student Cell Phone:	
<b>YES    NO</b>	<p>Have you had any of these signs or symptoms of illness in the last 14 days?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fever or chills</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dry cough</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath at rest</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea or vomiting</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Nausea</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Headache</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Loss of taste or smell</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat</li> </ul>
If YES, please describe the signs/symptoms:	
<b>YES    NO</b>	Have you had contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 or with signs/symptoms of illness in the last 14 days?

**I certify that I have been truthful in completing this survey**

Participant Name:	
Participant Signature:	Date:
Guardian(s) Signature {ALL guardians(s) please sign}:	Date: