

Day Camp Covid 19 Precautions

Here at A Rocha Manitoba we believe that connection is vital to our well being as we learn to love the world around us. To ensure the safety and health of our kids and staff as they connect and explore at Nature Academy, we have set precautionary measures according to the guidelines set by the [Province of Manitoba](#).

Screening for Covid-19 Symptoms

- Before each day, every staff member and the guardians of every child are asked to fill out the [MB Covid-19 Self Screening tool](#). If the individual is deemed to be at risk of Covid, or is portraying symptoms, we ask that they stay home for the day so as to not pose a risk.
- If, throughout the day a child begins to exhibit symptoms as listed above, staff of A Rocha Manitoba will call the emergency contact for pick up as soon as possible, to ensure the health and safety of all of the campers in the group.

Drop Off and Pick Up:

- Drop off begins fifteen minutes prior to the start of the session (8:45 am)
- Pick up begins after the end of the session (3:00 pm)
- For signing children in and out we ask that guardians adhere to physical distancing and remain masked.
- When children arrive, the staff at A Rocha MB will confirm that the child has passed the self screening. If the child has symptoms A Rocha staff will ask the child to return home with their caregiver.

Conversations About Covid

- At the beginning of every day camp, trained staff will talk with the children about the implemented Covid protocols. This conversation is meant to reduce anxiety and make sure everyone knows the expectations of A Rocha Manitoba.
- We encourage parents and guardians to talk to their children about Covid before they come to camp with us.

Physical Distancing

- Day camps will run following the capacity guidelines set by the province.
- All of our sessions will be run as much as possible outdoors, giving children plenty of space to move and play in a low risk environment.
- Physical distance will be implemented as much as possible, such as when children are sitting for a snack break or exploring the world around them. To

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make sure of this, there will be markers laid out to show the appropriate distance and staff will remind kids in fun and encouraging ways, such as “Bikes are 6 feet long, remember to keep a bike’s distance apart!”

- Although we will do our best to maintain distance, we know kids will have moments of closer interaction. Please be aware that this is a risk at a day camp, despite our best mitigation efforts.

Masks

- Following provincial guidance for schools in Manitoba, we are requiring masks for children when indoors and anytime outdoors when physical distancing cannot be maintained. Parents/guardians may choose to have their children wear a mask. This is to ensure the safety of all, given that children are coming from a variety of contacts and groups. We encourage fun masks that add personality to the day!

Cleaning and Sanitization

- Children will have access to washrooms and will be encouraged to wash their hands regularly (before and after snack, after each bathroom use, etc). Staff will carry hand sanitizer with them at all times in case a cleaning station is unavailable.
- Bathrooms and high traffic areas will be disinfected regularly.
- Shared items such as magnifying glasses and craft supplies will also be sanitized after each use.
- Children will be reminded to sneeze and cough into their elbows, as well as reduce contact to their face. Washing hands immediately after will be required
- We ask that there is no sharing of food. A Rocha will provide pre-packaged snacks to give out at snack time each day.

Thank you for considering camp with A Rocha Manitoba. We look forward to cultivating curious minds this summer and connecting with kids in the safest way possible!

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