

Covid Policies

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POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AT A GLANCE

GENERAL

- Long Lake Conservation Center follows Minnesota Department of Health requirements, and has implemented accepted best practices for Covid-19 that are consistent with other residential environmental learning centers in Minnesota.
- Your school's policies will supersede any Long Lake policy, unless it conflicts with MDH requirements. Our ultimate goal is to keep students, chaperons and staff safe and healthy while here at Long Lake.
- Long Lake strongly recommends, but does not require, that all adults with school groups be vaccinated.

MASKS

- Masks are required while indoors.
- Masks are not required when outside, when inside while actively eating, while sleeping, or when excused by a medical professional.

LODGING

- Lodging at Long Lake is not restricted.
- When not at full capacity, spacing will be maximized by limiting the number of people per room.
- When at full capacity, people on the top bunk will sleep with their head facing opposite from the people on the bottom bunk to create the greatest separation possible while sleeping.

COVID-19 INFRASTRUCTURE



- A room in the Marcum House has been designated as a "quarantine room." Any person who shows any symptoms consistent with COVID, will be housed there until a test can be completed, and next steps determined.
- Long Lake's lodging facilities and dining hall are equipped with state-of-the-art air filtration systems that help in halting the airborne spread of COVID.
- Long Lake uses hospital-grade disinfectants infused with positively charged ions that kill most bacteria on contact.

To discuss this further, contact Long Lake Manager Dave McMillan at 218-768-4653.

NATURE FACT

The gander (male Canada Goose) is a fierce defender of his mate and offspring, and will charge any suspected enemy, even one as large as an elk. Mated pairs can be together as long as 20 years.



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PLANNING TO STAY SAFE

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SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Students, staff and chaperons are encouraged to remain 3-to-6 feet apart whenever possible, but especially when unmasked.

DINING

- Food will be served buffet style from behind a plexiglass window by masked and gloved servers.
- As much space as possible will be allowed between people and tables. This may necessitate having multiple lunch times for bigger school groups.

CLASSES

- Most of Long Lake's classes take place outdoors. Students and adults are not required to wear masks or social distance while outside, but may choose to do so.
- Sanitation stations will be provided for classes that require close-quarters interaction.
- Indoor classes have been modified to allow maximum spacing.

SUSPECTED INFECTION PROTOCOL

- Any person who reports symptoms consistent with COVID will immediately be moved to the quarantine room in Marcum House.
- The next steps will be in accordance with your school's "Decision Tree" COVID response plan. If your school doesn't have a Decision Tree, LLCC will implement the MDH Decision Tree Plan.

SANITATION PRACTICES



HOUSEKEEPING

Regular housekeeping practices are being implemented, including routine cleaning and disinfecting of work surfaces, equipment, and areas around the campus, including restrooms, the dining hall, lodging rooms and classrooms. Frequent cleaning and disinfecting will be conducted in high-touch areas.

HANDWASHING/SANITIZING

Long Lake staff and guests are encouraged to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water frequently throughout the day. Hand-sanitizer dispensers are located around campus.

COVER YOUR COUGH OR SNEEZE

Signs are posted around campus reminding people to cover their mouths and noses with their sleeve or a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Further, people are reminded to avoid touching their face, in particular their mouth, nose and eyes, with their hands.

NATURE FACT

Though you may see chipmunks around each other, they are not social animals. They like to keep to themselves and only interact during the spring mating season.



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