



Grand Canyon Youth COVID-19 Health Agreement

The risk of transmission and/or contraction of COVID-19 is an inherent risk of proximity to other human beings, and cannot be eliminated on Grand Canyon Youth (GCY) expeditions. All participants must accept and assume this risk of participating in a GCY expedition. However, the risk of COVID-19 can be mitigated if all expedition participants take seriously their personal role in mitigating this risk for both themselves, other participants, and GCY staff.

The most effective way to reduce transmission while on GCY expeditions is to not bring it with us. Please read the following information about your role in reducing the risk of bringing COVID-19 on your expedition. These behaviors and expectations will be required of everyone on the expedition, including youth, adults, and staff.

If you are traveling with a group, your school/organization may have different requirements than those listed below. GCY will default to the most conservative option as a requirement for your expedition. Please reach out if you have questions regarding what is expected of you before your expedition.

GCY may revise these requirements as direction from the CDC evolves. You will receive a copy of the most current health agreement two weeks prior to your expedition so you may prepare for your expedition.

Pre-Trip Behavior

14 days prior to my expedition:

- I will avoid large gatherings and crowded spaces that increase the risk of exposure to COVID-19, including but not limited to: restaurants, parties, fitness centers, and movie theaters.
- I will adhere to CDC recommended [social distancing guidelines](#). I will stay at least six ft from other people who are not from my household in both indoor and outdoor spaces.
- I will adhere to CDC recommended [masking guidelines](#)*. I will wear a mask over my mouth and nose in public, and if around people not in my household.
- I will adhere to CDC recommended [personal health guidelines](#) including
 - frequent hand washing
 - covering coughs and sneezes
 - cleaning and sanitizing my frequently touched surfaces
- I will actively monitor my health for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or [other symptoms](#) of COVID-19.
- I will report to GCY if I develop [symptoms of COVID-19](#) and/or test positive within 2 weeks of my expedition. I understand I will be allowed to participate after completing the CDC's recommended isolation period and testing negative for COVID-19.

**To the extent any participant cannot comply with the requirements as set forth in this plan, GCY will make reasonable accommodations for the participant, so long as such reasonable accommodations can be made without being a direct threat to the health and safety of other participants or GCY employees or stakeholders.*

Five (5) days prior and on the start date of my expedition:

- I will check for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. If I have symptoms I understand I will not be permitted to go on my expedition for my health and the health of others. I will contact GCY to determine next steps.
- For Multi-Day Expeditions Only I will: **

If I am not vaccinated	If I am vaccinated
Provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within 5 days of the start of my expedition (PCR or Antigen tests are allowed) GCY will not accept antibody tests.	Provide proof of vaccination.
Anyone who arrives without proof of a negative test result (taken within 5 days of the expedition) or a vaccine will not be allowed to participate.	

****** *Participants on One-Day Expeditions are not required to provide proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 test results in order to participate.*

GCY accepts and understands that some people may continue to test positive after they are no longer contagious. There is no way to test for contagiousness:

- I understand that any person with a positive test result will not be permitted to participate.

Pre-Trip Screening

Prior to departure, GCY will conduct a health screen for symptoms of COVID-19 and verify that I do not have and have not had [COVID-19 symptoms](#) in the last 14 days.

- I understand that if I fail to meet the requirements of the pre-screening, I will not be permitted to participate.

On-Trip Behavior

- While participating on my GCY expedition, I will follow GCY's COVID-19 mitigation measures, such as masking, distancing, handwashing, etc. for the protection of myself and others on my expedition.
- If I experience any signs or symptoms of COVID-19, I will do my best to distance myself from the group and communicate with a Trip Coordinator and/or GCY Field Staff.