



Grand Canyon Youth COVID-19 Health Agreement

The possibility of transmission and contraction of COVID-19 are inherent risks when in close proximity to other humans, and thus cannot be eliminated on Grand Canyon Youth (GCY) expeditions. However, these risks can be mitigated if all participants take their personal role in the ongoing health of themselves, other participants, and GCY staff seriously. All participants must accept and assume this risk.

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.¹

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 mitigation measures 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 recommendations evolve. You will receive a copy of the most current health agreement in the weeks prior to help you prepare. GCY encourages all eligible participants, volunteers, and staff to be vaccinated. In some cases a COVID-19 vaccine may be required to participate. If you have a compromised immune system we recommend talking with your healthcare provider to discuss the activities included in this expedition and possible extra precautions that may need to be taken to prevent COVID-19.

Reporting to Grand Canyon Youth

- I will let GCY know if I have had **moderate to severe COVID-19** (symptoms lasting more than 5 days or requiring hospitalization) since filling out my application. There are possible latent COVID-19 side-effects in children that may require physician clearance. Please email expeditions@gcyouth.org with any relevant information.
- In the 5 days leading up to my expedition I will check daily for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. If I have COVID-19 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.

¹ *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.*

Vaccinations

<u>Not Vaccinated</u>	<u>Fully Vaccinated</u>
I will provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test (PCR or Antigen tests only) taken within 72 hours of the start of my expedition. GCY will not accept antibody tests.	I will provide proof of vaccination. *All participants on Individual Expeditions are required to be fully vaccinated
Anyone without proof of a negative test or a vaccination record will not be allowed to participate.	

Fully Vaccinated Individuals Pre-Trip Behavior

- I will follow [CDC recommended behavior for fully vaccinated persons](#). I will be extra cautious before my expedition for my safety and the safety of others.

Unvaccinated Individuals 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.
- I will adhere to CDC recommended [social distancing guidelines](#). I will stay at least six feet 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/sneezes, and cleaning/sanitizing frequently-touched surfaces.
- I will monitor my health for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or [other symptoms](#) of COVID-19.
- I will report to GCY if, within the two weeks prior to my expedition, I develop [symptoms](#) of, test positive for, and/or am exposed to someone who tests positive for COVID-19.

Pre-Trip Screening

Prior to departure, GCY will conduct a health screen for symptoms of COVID-19, this may include an additional COVID-19 test.

- I understand that if I fail to meet the requirements of the pre-screening, I will not be permitted 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 antigen test result 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.
- 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. GCY will have rapid tests available on expedition to test for suspected COVID-19 illness.