



**Forestry Educators Incorporated**

*A Non-Profit 501(c)3 Corporation*

## **Covid-19 Policy and Emergency Operational Plan**

*This policy is based on Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and California Department of Public Health (CDPH) requirements and guidelines for youth and overnight camp settings*

All participants will be required to take a COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to leaving the school site to travel to event location. The test must be administered by a teacher, a school nurse, or at a recognized testing facility. Proof of a negative result (physical or electronic) will be required at check-in. If any participant cannot access testing, Forestry Educators Incorporated (FEI) staff must be notified by September 10 to help facilitate their access to testing.

Before travelling to the event location, participants must be checked for any symptoms of illness using the CDC screening checklist (at the end of this document). If any symptoms are present, participants should not travel.

Upon arrival at the event, staff will be checking the temperature of every participant and completing the CDC screening checklist. The threshold body temperature is 100.4<sup>0</sup> and is based on the CDC Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools. Any participant with any symptom on the checklist will be required to return home, along with any participants who travelled in the same vehicle as the afflicted participant.

In the event a participant exhibits symptoms during the event, they will be quarantined while arrangements are made for transportation home. Schools will be required to have a plan for standby transportation in the event a participant must be sent home. This must be arranged so any remaining participants will still have school or district-provided adult supervision on site.

Indoor masking will be required of all participants, regardless of vaccination status, per CDPH masking requirements for K-12 school/youth settings. Participants are responsible for arriving with their own mask, which must be worn correctly. Any participant with a mask that does not meet CDC standards will be provided a replacement mask. CDC recommends a cloth or disposable mask that:

- Has two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric
- Completely covers the nose and mouth
- Fits snugly against the sides of the face and doesn't have gaps
- Has a nose wire to prevent air from leaking out the top of the mask

Cohorting (participants from one school staying together and physically distanced from other cohorts) will be highly encouraged to minimize exposure, as recommended by the CDC guidelines for youth camps. This will apply to housing and all planned activities.

Any participant who fails to or refuses to comply with this policy will be asked to leave.

### COVID-19 screening checklist

People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or 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