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# **Covid-19 Mitigation Plan**

**For use in Washington State Waters**

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## **Introduction**

In light of concerns regarding COVID-19, we are informing our guests and partners of measures we have taken to keep everyone safe.

First and foremost, we want to assure everyone that our policies and procedures, including hygiene, have always put our guest's safety and well-being first.

## **Before Traveling**

Crew and guests are required to obtain a PCR test within 3 to 5 days of traveling to Bellingham and to provide us a copy of their negative test result upon their arrival at either Westward or Catalyst. After taking the test we request that guests self-quarantine and wear face-coverings until they are aboard our vessels. Upon arrival at our vessel their luggage will be wanded with a UV light and their temperature will be checked. Guests and crew who exhibit Covid-19 symptoms will not be allowed aboard and must instead seek medical care.

## **Cruise Description**

All cruises will begin and end in Bellingham, Washington. If health restrictions allow, we will visit several small communities located in San Juan County, and representatives of various local craft food and beverage makers may visit the boat. During these shore excursions, or when "outside" visitors are on the boat, all will wear face coverings and practice social distancing as much as is practicable.

## **Turning Around our Vessels**

In between each departure, our vessels will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized. Bunks will be stripped and exposed to UV light before fresh linens are placed. All high-touch surfaces will be sanitized with bleach.

## **Provisioning**

No more than two crew will go into town to purchase supplies. They will adhere to the locally established health mandates, such as social distancing and wearing face coverings. Crew on shopping trips will be asked to take the most direct route to stores, quickly purchase the needed items and return to the boat. Crew will maintain a contact log of all public establishments visited in the course of a port call.

## **Aboard our Vessels**

Because SARS-CoV2 PCR tests can produce false negatives, utmost caution needs to be practiced aboard to minimize exposure to the potentially present virus. The following precautions will be observed to the greatest extent possible:

### General

- Daily temperature check
- Hand sanitizer will be available in common areas (salon, dining areas, beverage station, in each stateroom, crew quarters, top and bottom of ladders)
- Masks (and gloves, if desired) are available for those who did not bring their own
- Crew and guests will wear face coverings as much as is practical, except those who have a medical exemption from a physician
- Aboard either vessel guests will use only the private heads in their staterooms. Crew will use the head in crew's quarters.

- For Catalyst: guests in Staterooms 4 and/or 5, the lower spaces shared head will be reserved for their use alone. The interior door for the main deck head will be secured. Only crew can access this head using the exterior door.
- Galley access will be limited to crew only. On Catalyst a partition will be installed to separate the sink counter from the adjacent dining area.
- Crew and guests will practice social distancing to the greatest extent possible
- No more than three persons are permitted in the wheelhouse at the same time
- No more than three guests are permitted during engine room tours (on invitation by crew only)
- Practice proper coughing/sneezing etiquette (into a tissue or the elbow)
- Wash or sanitize hands frequently

Food and Health Safety Protocols include:

- Reduced seating at tables
- Signage with directions for proper handwashing and personal safety protocols will be posted on board.
- Crew and guests will dine separately
- Authorized staff (wearing gloves as appropriate) handle food preparation, cooking, serving
- Authorized staff wash all dishes using health safe protocols (triple sink method)
- Crew will clean and sanitize all guest mugs & travel cups at the end of each day
- Boats are thoroughly cleaned and sanitized between each trip
- All high-touch surfaces are sanitized several times each day
- General personal safety aboard orientation
- Food safety orientation
- No shared bowls or utensils
- Handwashing before and after meals
- Boats are equipped with: Temporal Thermometer, O2 sensor, full first aid kit, AED, Back-board, cervical collar, crutches.
- All crew members will hold current CPR/First Aide Certifications, and at least 1 will be a certified Wilderness First Responder.

Activities

- Sanitize paddles after each use
- Kayaks are assigned to guests for the duration of the trip
- PFDs will be wanded with a UV light before stowing
- Guests and crew will be required to wear face coverings during small boat operations.

## **Illness**

Should a guest or crew develop two or more symptoms consistent with Covid-19, we will

- Quarantine the guest **and cabin mate** in their cabin immediately
- Quarantine the crew member in their bunk
- Terminate the cruise and head for the arrival port immediately
- Notify Coast Guard of the [hazardous condition](#)
- Notify Harbor Master of the hazardous condition
- Upon arrival test all guests and crew and quarantine, if required

## **Departures**

Upon arrival at the destination harbor guests will hire transportation directly to the airport, unless they have made additional travel arrangements within Washington.

## **Links and References**

[CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(Covid-19\)](#): Current public health and safety information on COVID-19

[Coronavirus.gov](#): Public information provided by the U.S. government related to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

[Passenger Vessel Association](#): Covid-19 Response and Resources, Reopening Plan Guidelines

[Coast Guard](#): Hazardous condition reporting