

BLUE DEER COVID GUIDELINES

We will do our best to ensure EVERYONE arrives at Blue Deer **without** COVID and that no one contracts COVID while at the Center.

Someone getting COVID can distract from the focus of our work for this rare and precious opportunity. While we cannot eliminate all uncertainty; we can do our best to ensure the health and safety of everyone attending.

We will become a 'pod' during the program and will not need to mask when we are together; you are still welcome to wear a mask if you choose.

For residential programs, we ask you to agree to the following:

- **5 days prior to arrival at Blue Deer**
 - Wear a mask consistently when you are indoors with other people. Wear a good quality mask, not a scarf or bandana.
 - There is no need to wear a mask when outdoors around other people.
 - There is no need to ask other people to wear a mask indoors who are around you. Only you need to wear a mask and wear it correctly.
 - If you don't want to wear a mask indoors with household members, please ensure that they follow the masking guidelines for 5 days along with you - otherwise simply mask when you are around them indoors.
 - The 5 day window is selected based upon the time it typically takes for a rapid test to turn positive after being exposed.
- **24 hours prior to arrival, do your own Rapid COVID test.**
 - Take a photo of your test results with your name and date on it and email or text to Linda Felch (see below)
 - If you are positive, you'll need to cancel your trip. Contact Linda Felch(see below). We offer you a full refund.
 - If you are negative, continue to mask until you arrive at Blue Deer. Then everyone is free to take off their masks for the entirety of the program—unless you prefer to wear a mask.
- **Please bring a mask with you to Blue Deer** and ensure you have it with you in case the COVID situation changes and you are asked to wear a mask.
- **Bring 1 or 2 rapid covid tests with you to Blue Deer.** So that you can easily test for COVID onsite should you become ill.
- **If you develop COVID or have been exposed** to someone with a COVID infection within 5 days prior to the program - please contact Linda Felch (see below) so we can determine together if adjustments are needed.

For non-residential programs, we ask you to agree to wear a mask when indoors.

Please contact Linda Felch (845) 481-3383, lindafelch@bluedeer.org, if you have questions about this policy.

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