Guidance for Field Stations, Summer 2021

This document provides guidance, effective May 24, for Field Stations to provide in-person programming. This university guidance is based on evolving CDC, state, and county guidance, which is updated frequently.

General Guidance:

• Smaller cohorts should be implemented wherever possible.
• Face masks are no longer required at University of Utah, except masks will continue to be required inside University of Utah Health facilities where clinical care is provided or when they are required as job-related personal protective equipment (PPE). Individuals are encouraged to protect themselves by wearing a mask if they are not vaccinated or have a condition or are taking medications that weaken their immune system.
• It is recommended that individuals continue to physically distance, when feasible.
• Hand washing and sanitizing facilities and supplies should be easily available. Individuals should practice frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizer using CDC guidelines.
• Groups should plan for increased routine cleaning and disinfection of all common touch points and equipment
• Shared items should be sanitized before and after each use.
• Any individual who is symptomatic, in quarantine or isolation, or has tested positive for COVID-19 within the 14 days prior to the event should not attend. Unvaccinated individuals who have been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of the event should not attend.
• Field Stations must have an approved plan for a) isolation / quarantine of anyone who becomes symptomatic or discovers they have been exposed during their stay and b) transport of affected individuals to medical care.

Priorities:

In order to reduce capacity, Field Stations should prioritize reservations as follows:
   1) Research
   2) University classes / instructional purposes
   3) Other groups with pre-approval

Travel:

• Individuals should consider getting tested for SARS-CoV2 before they travel.
• Travel exceptions must be requested and granted for travel before June 30, 2021.
• Travel in individual / single household cars is preferred.

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• When using vans or buses, university Fleet Services guidance should be followed, including no more than one individual (or household group) per row.
• For vehicles shared by individuals who are not in the same household (including the driver):
  o No eating in the vehicle. Meals should be eaten outside, with individuals distanced at least 10 feet while eating.

Housing
• Each housing space / unit should be limited to one group
  o More than one group may be in a campground at the same time, but their campground areas must be clearly separate
• Adjusted capacity in sleeping quarters
  o Single occupancy to the extent possible
  o For larger sleeping quarters, beds should be set up head-to-toe at least six feet apart using adjusted maximum capacity as determined by EHS

Food:
• Food preparation may be completed indoors
  o Kitchen occupancy should be limited to two individuals from the same group.
• All meals should be taken outdoors with individuals distanced by at least 10 feet.
  o Shelters with at least one open wall can be considered outdoors.