

COVID-19 Safety Protocols for the IWRC Classroom

IWRC prioritizes the safety of our instructors, students, and hosts first and foremost during our courses. As such, we recommend the following precautions. These recommendations may be amended or modified depending on changes in governmental guidelines and mandates. Our intention is not to exclude participants but to prevent disease transmission and safeguard health.

BE ADVISED: IWRC reserves the right to cancel or move a course online if deemed necessary for health and safety reasons.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. All students, instructors, and hosts are recommended to wear masks over their nose and mouth while in the class facility.
 - a. Appropriate masks do not include anti-masks (i.e. face coverings that are permeable and do not inhibit the expulsion of respiratory droplets, e.g. crochet, lace, or mesh masks).
- 2. All students, instructors, and hosts should social distance in the class facility with the exception of pre-established social groups (e.g. members of the same household or host staff who work closely together).
- 3. Any students exhibiting signs of COVID-19 (fatigue, dry cough, fever greater than 100°F / 37.77°C, etc.) will be asked to stay home. Students displaying obvious symptoms associated with COVID-19 may be asked to leave the facility at the instructor and or hosts discretion.
 - a. Any student who cannot attend the course due to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 will be offered the choice of a full refund or course credit.

GUIDELINES Adapted from the CDC Website

- 1. Wash hands often and particularly after coughing, sneezing, eating, touching cadavers, touching high touch surfaces, moving between rooms, or going to the bathroom.
 - a. Sanitizer should be used if hand washing is not possible or to supplement handwashing.
- 2. High touch surfaces should be cleaned often. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- 3. Masks are generally not deemed necessary outdoors but are recommended in areas where COVID cases are high or when in close proximity in large groups, especially with unvaccinated individuals present.
- 4. People with a condition or who are taking medications that weaken their immune system may not be fully protected even if fully vaccinated and should take all the precautions of an unvaccinated person.



RESOURCES

- World Health Organization
- World Organization for Animal Health
- Centers for Disease Control United States
- Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Canada
- Further resources and information can be found on the IWRC COVID-19 page