

Field Institute of Taos

Health and Safety Guidelines and COVID Safe Protocols – updated 7/2/21

As of July 1, 2021, the State of New Mexico updated their Covid Safe Practices for Businesses directing youth programs to follow CDC guidelines. Consistent with those guidelines, FIT will continue to require masks in indoor spaces (including in vans) but will permit campers and staff to remove masks when outdoors.

The health and safety of our participants and their families, staff, and community is always our number one priority. We are committed to taking all necessary precautions to limit exposure to and transmission of COVID 19. We continue to monitor the situation with the virus and will continue to follow the advice and guidance of public health experts. We adjust how we are operating, based on guidelines from the State of New Mexico and the CDC.

Camper Health

It is important that all FIT participants, parents, staff, and community members continue to pay close attention to their health and the health of those around them.

YOUR CHILD SHOULD NOT ATTEND A PROGRAM IF HE OR SHE HAS ANY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS OR IF YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH ANYONE WHO HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID 19.

Symptoms include: fever, sore throat, cough, muscle aches, congestion, tiredness, or shortness of breath; lost or experienced an altered sense of smell or taste;

If your child or someone in the household exhibits any of these symptoms, please do not come to FIT programs. Notify us so we can consult our Medical Advisor and determine the best course of action.

Masks and Distancing

The current NM Public Health Order requires us to follow CDC guidelines with regards to mask wearing. Masks will be required in any indoor spaces (including vans) for staff and campers, regardless of vaccination status. Masks may be removed when staff and campers are outdoors. Distance will be maintained as much as possible both indoors and outdoors.

All Lead Instructors, Coaches, and participants must bring a clean face-covering daily and USE the face-covering anytime they are inside. Face-coverings should be cleaned thoroughly with soap and hot water each day.

Infection Response and Contact Tracking

If any participant or FIT staff person tests positive for COVID-19, an appropriate response will be formulated. The contact information of all staff and participants in relevant groups will be provided to the Department of Public Health for the purpose of contact tracing.

The decision by our Board of Directors to comply with State of NM and CDC guidelines was made to support the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of our community's children. We understand that everyone may not agree with our approach. We hope you will respect our decision as one that comes from a desire to do what we feel is best for our community at this time.

We are here to help so do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. Please contact Susie via email, text, or phone.

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