



Nature's Classroom Covid Policy - Fall 2023

Nature's Classroom has continued to monitor the instances of COVID in residential programs and are **strongly recommending** that schools continue to implement COVID testing requirements prior to departing for their trip. We are available to work with schools to establish best practices for their trip and advise on communication to families supporting the strong recommendation. Testing before the trip, testing when exhibiting symptoms, and staying home if you're not feeling well are the most effective ways of keeping everyone from your school, other visiting schools, and the Nature's Classroom team safe and healthy. Below are our new policies:

- We are *strongly* encouraging rapid testing the night before or the morning of the trip, but we are not requiring it.
- Anyone exhibiting two or more symptoms of covid should take a rapid test before coming on the trip.
- Anyone who is exhibiting symptoms of any communicable illness should not attend the trip until they are feeling better.
 - Students and chaperones must be fever free, without fever reducing medication, for at least 24 hours before coming on the trip.
 - Anyone experiencing a gastrointestinal illness must be vomit and diarrhea free for 24 hours before coming on the trip.
- The CDC still recommends that anyone who exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 should be tested immediately and if positive, isolate for at least 5 days. Therefore, anyone exhibiting symptoms of covid will be tested on site by Nature's Classroom medical personnel. If a participant and/or a parent requests that they or their child are not tested, they will be sent home in order to keep all participants and staff healthy.