



The Depot Guidelines, Restrictions and Precautions Relating to COVID-19

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The strain of coronavirus currently in the news and causing serious health concerns is COVID-19 (the new coronavirus), initially called 2019nCoV. We understand from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control that this strain spreads easily and can be fatal, most often in the elderly and those with weakened immune systems. From our understanding, there are other strains of coronavirus that have different attributes and may not be as dangerous. We are told that it is not uncommon for individuals to be diagnosed with one of these other strains of coronavirus, especially during flu season. COVID-19 is the one we are addressing on this page. For the latest information from the CDC, please click [here](#).

Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

Based on recommendations provided by the State of Connecticut and the CDC, the Depot has put together guidelines that will be enforced to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to protect the health of all Depot registrants, staff and volunteers.

For your reference, here is a list of general guidelines The Depot has adopted:

1. Hands should be washed with soap and water for at least 20 seconds upon entering the building, when visibly soiled, before eating, and after using the restroom. If soap and water are not readily available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol (will be at front door).
2. Daily cleaning and disinfection of the building will take place with the recommend EPA-registered household disinfectants.
3. All individuals must wear a Depot provided mask inside the building. You may wear a cloth mask in the tent, however it should be noted that a three-ply mask either cloth or surgical has been said to be more effective in the prevention of contracting Covid-19.
4. The Depot will require sick individuals to stay home (see below for more guidelines) and will communicate to parents and guardians the importance of staying home when sick.
5. The Depot staff has been trained on the importance of being vigilant for COVID-19 symptoms and communicating when/if they start to feel sick.
6. The Depot staff has been trained in Hand Hygiene by the Food Focus Safety Training and Assessment.
7. Sick staff members should not return to work until they have a negative Covid-19 test,

has had no fever for a minimum of three days and no longer have any symptoms.

8. If COVID-19 is confirmed in a Depot student, volunteer or staff member, the Depot will:
 - Close off areas used by the person who is sick.
 - Open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the areas.
 - Wait up to 24-hours or as long as possible before clean or disinfect to allow respiratory droplets to settle before cleaning and disinfecting.
 - Clean and disinfect all areas used by the person who is sick, such as offices, bathrooms, and common areas.
 - If more than 7 days have passed since the person who is sick visited or used the facility, additional cleaning and disinfection will not be necessary.
 - Continue routine cleaning and disinfection.
 - Attempt contact tracing to the best of it's ability.

Social distancing strategies:

Social distancing focuses on remaining out of congregate settings, avoiding mass gatherings, and maintaining distance from others when possible. At the Depot we will make sure that:

1. During club meetings all chairs will be placed six feet apart.
2. Chairs will be disinfected before and after all meetings.
3. No more than 25 people will be allowed inside the Depot at one time including, facilitators and staff.
4. Depot snack bar will have a plexiglass barrier and will be open during weekend nights, only serving snacks and drinks.
5. The Depot will hold club meetings outside under a tent, whenever possible. The tent has been set up along the back side of the Depot building. We encourage kids to bring their own chairs for outside meetings, but we will also supply Depot chairs where necessary. Chairs will still be placed six feet apart and masks must be worn. We will provide a Gatorade thermos of water and cups.

Assess Group Gatherings and Events

1. The Depot will follow CT guidelines about gatherings and events.
2. The Depot will plan to limit nonessential visitors and postpone or cancel upcoming events when necessary.

Screening upon arrival at the Depot (building and tent entrance):

1. Hand hygiene stations will be set up at the entrance of the building/tent. All who enter must use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
2. Depot students must take a mask provided by the Depot (adults may wear their own masks).
3. All individuals must have their temperature taken. Persons who have a fever of 100.40 (38.00C) or above or show other signs of illness will not be allowed in the building, tent or on the premises.
4. For anyone to gain entrance to the Depot building, tent or premises, a COVID-19 Consent Waiver must be signed by a parent or guardian. The COVID-19 Consent Waiver can be found either online or at the entrance to the Depot.
5. All individuals are encouraged to be on alert for signs of illness and if your child displays any symptoms, please make sure they stay home.

Clean and Disinfect

1. Following CDC guidelines and recommendations, The Depot will routinely clean, sanitize, and disinfect surfaces and objects that are frequently touched. This will include cleaning objects/surfaces not ordinarily cleaned daily such as doorknobs, light switches, sink handles, countertops, chairs and tables.
2. The Depot will always have an adequate supply of recommend EPA-registered household disinfectants, but always appreciate donations.

Vulnerable/High Risk Groups

Based on currently available information and clinical expertise, older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. To protect those at higher risk, it is important that everyone practices healthy hygiene behaviors.

If you have a child with a serious underlying health condition, we encourage you to talk to your healthcare provider to assess their risk and to determine if they should attend meetings or clubs at the Depot.

Information about COVID-19 in children is somewhat limited, but the information that is available suggests that many children have mild symptoms. However, a small percentage of children have been reported to have more severe illness. That is why it is important for you to talk to your healthcare provider to determine the best course of action for your child.

Click [here](#) for the Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/ COVID-19.

