



Alaska Geographic
Murie Science and Learning Center
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2023 Covid Policy

Alaska Geographic (AK Geo) has modified operations for residential programs to operate during the 2023 season while mitigating the COVID-19 risk for our participants and staff. These changes follow guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), [AK Dept of Health and Social Services](#), and our federal agency partners ([NPS](#), [USFS](#), [FWS](#), [BLM](#)).

Pre-program Info

- We highly encourage vaccinations, including booster shots, in all participants who are eligible to receive one.
- Testing within 72 hours of the program's start is highly encouraged.
- Participants must be free from COVID-19 symptoms, including fever free.
- Participants may not come to the program if someone in their household tested positive for COVID-19 in the previous five days.
- We may, at our discretion, cancel programs if local conditions, regulations, or CDC guidelines change. In that case, full refunds will be issued in accordance with our cancellation policy.

On Program Info

- All program participants will be monitored for [symptoms](#). Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 will be isolated, and we will follow CDC guidance for isolation and quarantine. Participants with COVID-19 symptoms may be evacuated from the program. If a participant is evacuated, it is unlikely they will be able to rejoin their course due to course length or logistics.
- Masks may be required at any time, dependent on local transmission levels and current guidance from the CDC, AK Department of Public Health, and our partners, and at the discretion of AK Geo. Please come prepared with your own well-fitting masks and wear them when AK Geo and our partners ask. Masks will not be required when eating or sleeping.
- Testing upon arrival is required for Anchorage-based youth programs. Testing may be required before or during all other programs, dependent on local transmission levels and current guidance from the CDC, AK Department of Public Health, and our partners, or at the discretion of AK Geo. If testing is required, AK Geo will provide tests.
- Frequent hand washing is a must, especially before and after meals.
- Participants will be housed in tent cabins or tents and should expect to share these spaces with up to three individuals. We can accommodate roommate requests and will do our best to reduce occupancy when possible.
- Sanitizing supplies will be available for participants in their housing spaces.
- Food will be served family-style, and staff and participants may assist with food serving.
- Meals will be eaten outdoors whenever possible.

Post Program Info

- Please notify us ASAP should you test positive for COVID-19 within five days following the end of the program.

Alaska Geographic consistently reviews our policies in light of the changing guidance and reserves the right to update this policy at any time.

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Cancellation Policy:

Switching courses is free if requested at least 60 days before the course start date. Cancellations that occur 60 days in advance of the course start date will be provided a refund of the full course fee minus a \$35 processing fee. For cancellations and/or substitutions within 60 days of the course start date, the entire fee will be retained **unless we can fill your space**. If you need to cancel less than 60 days before your course due to the direct impacts of COVID-19**, we will work with you on transferring you to another course or refunding your course fee. Registration fees are not transferable to future years.

Your entire fee will be refunded if Alaska Geographic must cancel a course. Refunds will be credited back to the credit card used during the original transaction if less than 60 days have passed. All other refunds will be made through a mailed check. All membership purchases are non-refundable and non-transferable.

Alaska Geographic recommends that all enrolled participants purchase tuition protection and travel insurance to protect their investment and guard against unforeseen circumstances. Alaska Geographic will not reimburse travel or related third-party costs due to COVID-19 cancellations.

**Direct impacts of COVID-19 may include you or an immediate family member becoming infected with COVID-19 or travel restrictions such as stay-in-place orders where you live or border closures prohibiting you from getting to the program.

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