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Covid-19 Operating Plan

Updated 8/15/20

Students, Courses, & Workshops

- All student courses are canceled for summer 2020
- All non-local internships and volunteer opportunities are canceled for summer 2020
- All local workshops are postponed until conditions are safe, per state and local mandate

Employees & Volunteers in Residence

- All employees and volunteers in residence shall comply with all state and local health mandates and advisories. Individuals in residence constitute a single household.
- May not enter public buildings or private residences of those outside the Arete Project bubble.
- Must carry masks at all times.
- Must wear masks any time they are likely to be within six feet of individuals outside the Arete Project bubble, which should ONLY occur out of doors.
- Must wash hands frequently
- Must use ONLY their own PPE (including masks, eye protection, ear protection, and gloves.)
- Cleaning protocols
 - All high-touch surfaces (doorknobs, lightswitches, etc.) receive daily disinfection with bleach
 - All tool handles receive disinfection with bleach after each use
 - Hand sanitizer is easily available in all shared spaces
 - Clorox wipes/other disinfectant is easily available in all shared spaces
- If any employee or volunteer in residence experiences symptoms of Covid-19:
 - They must immediately enter solitary quarantine, either at a location determined by the Arete Project or at a local hotel (Arete Project will pay).
 - They must immediately receive a Covid test at the Gustavus clinic and continue quarantining while results are pending.
 - Lisa LaGrange FNP-C, the local full-time Nurse Practitioner, will be our primary care point person and consult for Covid-19 cases. Travis Miller, the Gustavus Fire Chief, will be a secondary point person for emergency situations.
 - Patient temperature and blood oxygen level will be monitored twice daily.
 - If symptoms are moderate to severe, a charter flight or medevac to the SEARHC hospital in Sitka or to Bartlett Regional Hospital in Juneau may be arranged, even if test results are pending.
 - All Arete Project students and staff must immediately quarantine in their housing pods until the test outcome is known, monitoring symptoms daily.
 - The executive director will ensure that the isolated individual has food and necessities.

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- The caretaker-educators will ensure that other individuals quarantining on-site have food and necessities.
- Any pertinent guidelines below also apply to employees & volunteers in residence

Local Volunteers, Employees, & Visitors

- All employees and volunteers shall comply with all state and local health mandates and advisories.
- All campus work will be conducted outdoors and while maintaining 6' social distancing.
- Family groups volunteering together (or volunteer groups inhabiting the same dwelling) may work with one another at less than 6' social distancing.
- Workers may not enter the main building or guest cabin unless that is their place of residence.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at all work sites and should be used regularly (before/after eating, using the bathroom, touching your face, sharing tools)
- All workers must have a mask on them at all times.
- All tools will have their handles sanitized before and after each use.
- Local volunteers are requested to bring and use their own tools.
- Visitors to the campus are requested to maintain social distancing protocols.

***This plan is subject to frequent changes pending updates to state and local mandates.