Pre-field camp COVID-19 policies

- In the two weeks prior to departure (May 9-22), students will reduce their COVID-19 exposure risk by limiting their social interactions, wearing masks in public, practicing social distancing, and maintaining proper hygiene in accordance with Iowa State University’s COVID-19 policies and guidelines. Students will be strongly encouraged to quarantine during those two weeks to the greatest extent possible.
- Students are required to be tested for COVID-19 within five days of our departure (May 18-22) and present a negative test result to instructors before joining the caravan and traveling to the field station. Testing at the Thielen Health Center is preferred but not required.
- Students will be responsible for monitoring their health for possible COVID-19 symptoms and will be subjected to a health screening prior to departing for field camp. The health screening will involve taking each student’s temperature with a contact-less thermometer and answering a symptom questionnaire similar to the Cyclones Care Symptom Checker. The health screening will be conducted by either a faculty member or TA.
- Students who exhibit COVID-19 symptoms or fail to present a negative COVID-19 test will not be allowed to join the caravan traveling to the field station.
- All students will be required to ride in a university vehicle during the trip to the field station. Masks will be required at all times when in the university vehicle. No personal vehicles are allowed. The university vehicles (15-passenger vans) will contain no more than 1 driver and 6 passengers.
- Students who are unable to join the caravan due to (1) exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms or (2) testing positive for COVID-19 during May 18-22 may travel to the field station in a personal vehicle ten (10) days after first exhibiting symptoms or ten (10) days after their positive test result, provided the students experiences no symptoms on Day 10. A student in this situation will be required to use one of the quarantine dorm rooms or a single occupancy tent while at the field station but will be otherwise allowed to participate fully in the course. Their enrollment in GEOL 302 will be converted into a GEOL 490 with credits appropriate for the duration of their studies at the field station (e.g., last 3 weeks of camp will earn 5 credits).
- Students must sign and submit an Experiential Course Participation Agreement form, a document outlining potential risks and the expectation to comply with health and safety measures associated with attending field camp.

COVID-19 policies while at the field station

- Wearing a cloth face covering will be required in all in-person instructional settings and learning spaces. Cloth face coverings are additionally required outdoors, during course activities and otherwise, when physical distancing of at least 6 feet from others is not possible.
- Cloth face coverings may be temporarily removed while eating or drinking in the dining hall. Physical distancing of at least 6 feet is required in the dining hall during scheduled meal times. When outside of meal times, cloth face coverings are required in the dining hall.
- Dorm room occupancy will be one or two people. Students are not required to wear a cloth face covering while they are inside their own dorm room. When anyone other than the room occupants is in the room, all individuals need to wear cloth face coverings.
• Cloth face coverings must completely cover the nose and mouth and fit snugly against the side of the face.
• Even where face coverings are not required, the use of a cloth face covering will be encouraged.
• When possible, students will practice physical distancing by remaining at least six (6) feet apart from others.
• Student will assist in maintaining a clean and sanitary environment by regularly washing hands, avoiding touching one’s face, and disinfecting touched items.
• Common spaces, including the dining hall, classroom, and laundry facility will be cleaned and disinfected twice daily. Students will be expected to assist in this cleaning to the best of their abilities.
• Students will be subjected to a health screening each morning. The health screening will involve taking each student’s temperature with a contact-less thermometer and answering a symptom questionnaire similar to the Cyclones Care Symptom Checker. The health screening will be conducted by either a faculty member or TA. Any student exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms will be required to quarantine in an open dorm room until a negative COVID-19 test result is presented (see below). Quarantined students will not be able to participate in field activities in the duration of their quarantine and will be provided with alternative assignments.
• When in Wyoming, COVID-19 tests for field camp students, faculty, and staff will be conducted using an “at home” testing kit recommended by the Wyoming Department of Health. The test involves a saliva sample, which is taken during a telehealth meeting over Zoom. Test results are reported within 48 hours of the lab receiving the sample. More information on the “at home” testing kits can be found at: [https://www.vaulthealth.com/covid](https://www.vaulthealth.com/covid). Alternatives to the Vault Health test will be explored as we approach the start of the 2021 field camp.