

FIELD WORK SAFETY DURING COVID-19

Hazards	Spread of COVID-19 Virus
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Following are guidelines for field work during COVID-19:

General

1. All [COVID-19 Campus Protocols](#) must be followed (as applicable for field work)
2. If a field person develops symptoms of COVID-19 while in the field and has contact with other field persons, all field persons must contact novascotia.811.ca and follow the NSHA's guidance.
3. Wear a non-medical mask.
4. Practice physical distancing of 2 metres.
5. Practice good hand hygiene, wash hands frequently and properly. Hand sanitizers may be used when hand washing is not possible.
6. Practice proper respiratory etiquette.
7. Frequently clean and disinfect all field equipment and tools.

Communications

1. All field persons must:
 - a) have a communication plan to ensure others know where they are;
 - b) monitor or keep in touch with someone that can monitor updates and changes to StFX and Public Health recommendations on a daily basis;
 - c) have a means of communication to contact emergency medical services (cell phone, radio, and/or satellite device).

Travel

1. Ensure all drivers are StFX authorized drivers.
2. When traveling to work sites consider traveling in separate vehicles.
3. Field persons should be aware of road/area restrictions and obey these restrictions.
4. If more than one person in vehicle follow the 2m physical distancing standard, if not possible, all occupants should wear non-medical masks.

NOTE: All tools and equipment shall be used in accordance with provincial OH&S legislation, manufacturer's specifications, applicable standards and codes of practice.

Cleaning of vehicle

1. Cleaning and disinfecting supplies should be kept in the vehicle at all times and must be visible to both the driver and the passenger.
2. Following each trip, both the driver and the passenger-accessible surfaces including interior and exterior door handles, window and comfort controls, seat belts, both the driver and passenger seating areas as well as all field equipment used must be cleaned thoroughly with disinfecting cleaning products.
3. Any field vehicle used by a person or persons who demonstrate COVID-19 Symptoms including cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, or sore, should not be used until the entire vehicle is thoroughly sanitized.

Accommodations

1. Where possible, field persons should have enough food/water/camp equipment/fuel so as reduce trips to local towns to get supplies.
2. If camping, make sure that there is camping available where you are going as the Provincial Parks and National Parks may have restrictions in place.
3. If camping, all field persons must maintain physical distancing; using their own camping/ cooking gear, etc.
4. If accommodations/lodging are in motel/hotels consideration should be only one person per room, unless members of the same bubble.
5. If staying in motel/hotels field persons will need to bring their own food with the closure of some restaurants. Not all places in small communities will have a drive-thru. (CHECK BEFORE YOU GO!)

Users shall be trained to use personal protective equipment (PPE). N95 respirators require a fit test.

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