

Covid-19 Safety Protocol for Fresh Eyes on Ice Workshop, Jan 14-16, 2022

The Fresh Eyes on Ice team is committed to ensuring that our in-person workshop is safe and productive. We are taking the following precautions to mitigate the risk of spreading Covid-19 including transmission back to communities:

COVID19 Testing:

- Each participant should be tested for Covid-19 within 48 hours prior to the start of the workshop. For those traveling by air, testing should occur prior to departure. Free rapid testing is available on UAF campus. Proof of a negative test result will be required to participate.
- We will also encourage participants to get a negative test before departing for their communities and will work to facilitate this (i.e. provide a location and transportation).

Event Location:

- To eliminate the risk associated with transporting large groups of workshop participants in vans, we have selected a workshop location with walking distance to two different ice-covered habitats. We will have a UAF vehicle available near the field sites in the event of an emergency or if a participant has mobility issues, and proper masking will be required in the vehicle in these possible cases.
- Room size of the main venue is 1833 sq ft (Gazebo Room), approximately 52 ft/person.
- Sanitization services including cleaning of table and chair surfaces, and hand sanitizer and wipes are provided by the Wedgewood resort.
- Ventilation- The conference room door will be opened to maximize airflow. The Gazebo room also has a door to the outside, which we will be able to open to increase the flow if needed.
- Currently the hotel does not allow any visitors into the lobby area unless they are guests, allowing for possible contact tracing is needed.

Masking and Symptom Screening:

- During the workshop, participants are required to wear masks at all times, except while eating or drinking. This includes during outdoor activities when 6 ft social distancing is not possible.
- At the beginning of each workshop day, participants will be screened for Covid-19 by confirming lack of symptoms according to [CDC guidelines](#).

Social Distancing:

- We will be practicing social distancing and keeping group sizes small (<20 people) as much as possible. Accordingly, many planned sessions and activities will be split into two groups and alternate between facilitators and rooms.

- In the instances where the whole group is gathered, table arrangements have been spaced appropriately and have been reduced to 50% of their capacity.
- Activity during the workshop will be light activity (speaking in a normal tone, walking at a normal pace, casual work).

Meal Times:

- To protect the bubble of tested and symptom free participants from potential COVID19 transmission due to dining in the broader Fairbanks community, we will be providing catered meals onsite.
- Meals will be served as “grab and go” and participants are encouraged to space out to eat when masking is not possible. They may carry their food to the seats in the open spaces of the resort buildings, their hotel room or spread out in the Gazebo Room.

Cancellation Plan:

- A week prior to our workshop, the leadership team will meet to assess the current levels of Covid-19 in Fairbanks and determine whether we can safely proceed with our planned in-person activities. In the event that we need to cancel the workshop, you will be notified by January 7 by email and phone.