

## **ETC COVID HEALTH & SAFETY PRACTICES**

### **- Spring 2022 Update -**

Since early 2020, Covid-19 created challenges for ETC, but we continue to pivot and adapt our program practices to mitigate the transmission of the virus and to provide much-needed access to our adventures and the great outdoors! The well-being, health, and safety of our participants, staff, and volunteers is our top priority. ETC is constantly monitoring the science-based data to keep our program practices up to date with the U.S Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other local authorities.

#### **Vaccinations**

ETC requires all of its guides to be fully vaccinated (unless there is a disability or religious exemption). ETC highly encourages all our participants to do the same. For some extended ETC programming, such as our Youth LEAD Courses, both participants and instructors will be required to be fully vaccinated (unless there is a disability or religious exemption). For individuals not vaccinated due to disability or religious exemption, ETC requires proof of a negative PCR test within 48 hours before attending in-person events.

#### **Masking & Sanitation**

ETC encourages the use of masks when sharing indoor spaces such as bathrooms and when traveling in shuttle vehicles. ETC does not require the use of masks while on the water or otherwise outdoors. ETC also encourages enhanced hygiene practices including frequent hand washing, no sharing of water bottles, and additional precautions when preparing food. Before all trips commence, agency leaders and ETC Trip Leaders will discuss what additional steps may be appropriate to ensure all people feel safe and comfortable during their time with ETC.

#### **Screening & Testing**

All guides and participants will be asked to self-isolate and test if experiencing Covid-19 symptoms.

#### **Looking Forward**

ETC will continually update our policies to align with current industry standards, county directives, and CDC guidance. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns: [info@etctrips.org](mailto:info@etctrips.org)

**Thanks for being part of ETC's mission, see you on the water soon!**