

COVID-19 Safety at Outdoor Education

San Mateo County Office of Education's Outdoor Education program is open and ready to welcome students for a memorable week at Camp Jones Gulch.

To help ensure students and staff are able to participate in Outdoor Education, the County Office of Education has developed COVID-19 safety protocols to protect students and staff (Please see the full plan at www.smcoe.org/oecsp):

Safety Measures Before Arriving

- 100% of Outdoor Education staff are fully vaccinated.
- School staff and students must be symptom-free and show proof of a negative COVID-19 test before boarding the bus, regardless of vaccination status. Test must be taken within three days of departure.
- On the bus, all riders are required to wear well-fitted face masks and windows will be opened for additional ventilation.
- Individuals attending Outdoor Education should minimize contact with others during the weekend before camp.

Safety Measures at Camp Jones Gulch

- Students are organized in cabin groups and will remain with their cohort across all activities.
- All participants will wear masks while indoors except when sleeping and eating.
- All cabins are equipped with high-quality air purifiers for additional ventilation, especially at night when campers will not wear masks.
- All participants will have access to supplies and the time needed to support healthy hygiene, including handwashing.
- Outdoor Education program staff includes a full-time medical staff member to support school staff and students.

Testing and COVID-19 Exposure at Camp Jones Gulch

- After contacting parents/guardians, Outdoor Education staff will administer a BinaxNOW rapid antigen test to anyone who shows symptoms of COVID-19.
- Anyone who tests positive while at Outdoor Education will immediately isolate and return home in coordination with the family.
- If an individual in a cabin group tests positive for COVID-19 while at camp, the entire cabin group will return home with further instructions.

Learn more in our [Outdoor Education COVID-19 Safety Plan](#).

