



WorkSafe BC COVID-19 Safety Plan

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In our commitment to the highest standard of safety for our visitors, volunteers and staff members, the opening of the Osoyoos Desert Centre (ODC) for the 2021 season is subject to the conditions outlined in the following statements. Please read and understand this document prior to visiting, volunteering or working at ODC.

1. Symptoms of Sickness

- a. It is mandatory for visitors, volunteers or staff members to refrain from coming to ODC as per the following guidelines:
 - i. If a visitor, volunteer or staff member is experiencing symptoms of illness, or has been diagnosed with a contagious illness, whether or not the illness has been confirmed as COVID-19, they are not permitted at ODC.
 - ii. If a visitor, volunteer or staff member has returned from international travel, they must comply with the Canada Quarantine Act and ArriveCAN mandatory protocol upon and after entry into Canada.
 - iii. If a visitor, volunteer or staff member resides with an individual experiencing symptoms of illness, or an individual that has been diagnosed with COVID-19, they are not permitted at ODC.
 - iv. If a visitor, volunteer or staff member resides with an individual who has been exposed to COVID-19, they are not permitted at ODC.
- b. In addition to seeking medical attention at their own discretion, any visitor, volunteer or staff member who experiences symptoms of an illness, and has attended ODC in the previous 14 days, must contact Jayme Friedt, Managing Director at 250-495-2470 or director@desert.org to report their symptoms. This will allow ODC to attempt to notify any individual who may potentially be at risk as a result of exposure to the same environment.

2. Payment methods

- a. At this time, ODC is restricting payment of admission fees, merchandise purchases, donations and memberships to credit or debit card payment methods only. Cash will not be accepted.

3. Hand Washing/Sanitizing/Enhanced cleaning

- a. Upon entering ODC, each visitor, volunteer or staff member should immediately wash/sanitize their hands thoroughly.
- b. Prior to exiting ODC, each visitor, volunteer or staff member should wash/sanitize their hands thoroughly.

- c. Any surface that visitors, volunteers or staff members are required to touch including the cash register, credit/debit card machine, admissions counter, displays, brooms, mops, shovels, trowels etc. must be wiped with sanitizer both prior to, and after use.
- d. ODC volunteers and staff members are required to check washroom facilities on a regular basis to ensure the area is clean and sanitized.

4. Number of visitors, volunteers or staff members permitted inside the ODC interpretive building and on the boardwalk at any given time

- a. At this time ODC is limiting the number of visitors permitted in the ODC interpretive building at any given time to one (1) group comprised of family and/or friends who are visiting the ODC together.
- b. ODC will stagger groups entering the boardwalk and visitors, volunteers and staff members are required to socially distance at a minimum of 2 metres at all times.
- c. In the event visitors, volunteers and staff members have to pass each other on the boardwalk, they will be advised to take precautionary measures by turning away from each other and/or wearing a mask as they pass. ODC will advise all visitors walking the boardwalk that at no point should they step off the boardwalk to pass.
- d. ODC requires volunteers and/or staff members working in the ODC interpretive building to maintain social distancing of a minimum of 2 metres at all times.
- e. Face masks are **mandatory** for everyone while inside the interpretive building and restoration trailer.

5. Restricted Access

- a. At this time ODC is restricting access to the displays in the interpretive building. Stanchions have been installed and visitors are not permitted to touch or manipulate the stanchions or displays.
- b. At this time ODC is allowing access to the gift shop. All persons handling merchandise will be required to use hand sanitizer prior to, and after, touching the items.

6. Self-guided tour booklets

- a. Self-guided tour booklets will be made available to ODC visitors. Visitors are permitted to take the booklets home with them following their tour or they may leave them at the ODC in the recycling bins provided.

7. Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns please contact:

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