

Henderson Settlement Phase One COVID-19 Required Practices

The truth is that very little is proven regarding how COVID-19 spreads. It is extremely difficult to validate the exact path the virus has taken in transmission from one individual to another. There is a strong body of evidence that COVID-19, as a viral respiratory infection, spreads via sneezing and coughing, and through hand contact with the face. There is anecdotal evidence that transmission may occur via contact with contaminated surfaces or aerosolized virus containing particles, but this has yet to be proven or disproven. What has been scientifically validated is that high concentrations of virus can remain active on surfaces for up to 72 hours. There is no scientific proof that COVID-19 can be spread through food consumption.

This leads us to the selection of four primary on-campus containment strategies:

1. Provide a period of vacancy between each group's use of our housing
2. Sanitize high touch housing surfaces with each rotation of group use
3. Minimize staff contact with team members of Work Camp groups while on campus
4. Minimize inter-mingling of Work Camp group team members

Strategy 1

Since residual active virus risk is mitigated after 72 hours, we will attempt to maintain a minimum 72 hour vacancy period between uses of our housing locations.

Strategy 2

Our housekeeping staff will utilize a cleaning agent proven to be effective in eliminating COVID-19 virus, paying special attention to high-touch (surfaces utilized repeatedly by our temporary residents). To make this more manageable, we will limit the areas where the temporary residents are permitted entrance, closing all communal areas for use during this phase. Under this strategy, we will be careful in our selection of on-campus projects that might be assigned to Work Camp team members so that they are isolated from community and staff contact. On-campus interior work areas previously occupied by Work Camp team members should be left vacant for at least 72 hours following their departure.

Strategy 3

We will utilize a scheduling system that prevents multiple work camp teams being present in the Work Camp shop simultaneously. While present in the shop, we will require Work Camp Team Leaders to wear face masks or coverings. During these periods, Settlement staff are required also to wear face masks or coverings. Meal preparation will be performed by kitchen staff members. On-campus volunteer group sizes below 45 will be served in the Dining Hall, with each group separately seated and distanced from other teams. For higher capacity weeks, multiple serving times will be established to maintain group counts below the capacity threshold. Kitchen staff will follow existing food preparation standards that include the use of gloves and sanitary measures in the food prep process. The Settlement kitchen continues to operate with a Health Department "A" rating. We will utilize radios to coordinate any scheduled activities with work teams, vs in-person contact.

Strategy 4

We will make every effort to maintain Work Camp group segregation while on campus. Within group social distancing makes very little sense, as the team members will be traveling to Frakes as a group (or sub-group) within the same vehicle, will be living in close proximity while with us on-campus, and will be in close proximity to one-another while executing project work in the community. We will leave it to each group to determine any supplemental measures they wish to follow to further minimize the potential of within-group transmission while on campus.

To accomplish this group segregation, we will modify our programming to eliminate multi-group combined activities. Each group will, in effect, be self-quarantined in their own assigned housing location for the duration of their stay with us. Each group will utilize their own transportation to-and-from the community work sites, and will not interact with the community off-campus, with the exception of their assigned community project work.