



COVID-19 Safety Plan

WHEREAS employers are required by section 21 (2) (c) of the *Workers Compensation Act* to establish occupational health and safety policies and programs in accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation and have been directed by WorkSafeBC to develop a plan to ensure that the risk of transmission of SARS-CoV-2 at workplaces is minimized (hereinafter referred to as the “COVID-19 Safety Plan” for the purposes of this Order), Cowichan Canine has established the following Safety Plan:

1. A **Health Declaration** will be displayed at all entry points to Cowichan Canine (office, arena, classroom) and all person entering must be able to answer “No” to all questions in that declaration.
2. **Classes will be held outdoors**, except in extreme weather circumstances, when classes may be held indoors with reduced numbers.
3. **Physical distancing** of at least 2 metres between individuals not living in the same household must be maintained when at all possible. In order to help maintain physical distancing, students will be stationed on and by individual seating during class. When physical distancing of at least 2 metres cannot be maintained because of the nature of the class, the use of **face masks** is compulsory. The use of face masks is also compulsory during indoor classes or when clients are in the office.
4. **The number of student-dog teams per class** will be limited to three (3) during Phase 3, except:
 - a. Play Groups will be limited to a maximum of four (4) or six (6) student-dog teams, per instructor’s discretion.
 - b. Puppy Start Right classes will be limited to four (4) student-dog teams.
 - c. In case of inclement weather, when classes will need to move indoors, the number of students will be limited to maximum four (4), but at no time will the number of students be more than that physical distancing can be safely practiced. For example, at our current temporary indoor venue in Cobble Hill, classes will be limited to maximum two (2) students.
5. **Student-dog teams are limited** to a maximum of two adult persons per team and no children are allowed in class. This rule may be waived at the instructor’s discretion in circumstances where they may be needed for the benefit of the student-dog team and where physical distancing can still be maintained to other student-dog teams. Additional student attendees may also choose to sit outside the fence to watch a class.
6. Instructors and students may only **touch dogs or equipment** that are not their own when required by the exercise performed and must use hand sanitizer immediately after touching any dog or equipment not their own.
7. **Hand sanitizers** will be available to all students at their stations, to instructors at their stations, by the entrance to the classroom or teaching arena, and in the office/reception area.
8. **Disinfectant** spray bottles with Virox 5 solution will be used by the instructor to sanitize chairs, door handles and gate handles in between classes.
9. **Students are required to bring their own equipment**, including water and water bowls for their dogs, as well as their own leashes, long lines, toys, stuffed Kongs, food puzzle toys and other equipment, as well as equipment for the Costumes & Appearances module in Puppy Start Right. NONE of this equipment will be available for loan.
