



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 indoors or outdoors.** Indoor classes will have strictly reduced attendance numbers of maximum eight people (usually maximum two people per dog) in our School House building.
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.
Indoors: The use of **face masks** is compulsory during indoor classes as well as when clients are in attendance in the office.
Outdoors: 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.
4. **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. At outdoor classes, additional student attendees may sit outside the fence to watch a class.
5. Instructors and students may only **touch dogs or equipment** that are not their own when required to do so by the exercise performed and must use hand sanitizer immediately after touching any dog or equipment not their own.
6. **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, in the office/reception area, and in the washrooms.
7. **Disinfectant** spray bottles with Virox 5 solution will be used by the instructor to sanitize chairs, door handles and gate handles in between classes.
8. **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.
