



Coronaviruss Protocol at Youth Science Institute (YSI)

With the growing public health concern about the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we want to assure you that YSI's main concern is for the health and safety of our staff and the participants we serve. We are monitoring the Santa Clara County Public Health Department, the California Department of Public Health, and The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines to ensure we are following all protocol and prevention recommendations regarding Coronavirus.

The following disinfecting protocols are required:

- Rooms used by school groups must be disinfected after use by a previous group and before the next group uses that room.
- School groups must not interact with any other group.
- Hard surfaces must be wiped down with disinfectant.
- Shared chairs must be disinfected.
- Rugs/carpets must be vacuumed.

To help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including the coronavirus and flu, follow these important tips:

- Staff who are sick should remain home. YSI management reserves the right to instruct any employee to stay home and suggest seeking medical treatment.
- Please let the YSI Executive Director know if you or a family member have traveled to any of the **Level 2 or higher country of province** areas affected. These include Italy, S. Korea, Mainland China (Hong Kong is still a Level 1), Iran, and Japan.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover coughs or sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Individuals with chronic health issues and/or individuals experiencing severe symptoms should be evaluated by a medical professional.
- Get vaccinated every year.
- California Department of Public Health does not recommend the use of face masks for general prevention and says that handwashing provides better protection from infectious diseases.