

Chincoteague Bay Field Station and Member University COVID-19 Statement*

*Subject to change

Current research on the COVID-19 virus suggests there is a significant reduction in the potential for transmission of the virus from person to person by following CDC guidelines regarding hygiene and safety measures. Accordingly, the Chincoteague Bay Field Station requires all students be in compliance with all of the following covid safety measures: 1) students must wear a face mask that completely covers the mouth and nose. Masks must be worn at all times in classrooms, labs, vehicles, or any other common areas where people may congregate. Students will bring their own masks, and masks are to be high quality, such as N95, KN95, or surgical. 2) social distancing, defined as remaining at least 6 feet from others, must be practiced at all times it is physically possible. 3) students are strongly encouraged to wash hands thoroughly and frequently before and after class activities. 4) students are strongly encouraged to limit off-campus contact with non-CBFS community members. If such contact occurs, all COVID-19 protocols should be followed. Failure to do so may be considered non-compliance and may result in disciplinary action outlined below.

Additional suggestions may be made as reasonable for the situation in class or in the field by individual professors or other CBFS staff and leaders. Students are required to comply with all directives given by faculty and CBFS staff related to COVID-19 safety. Students who demonstrate a willful pattern of non-compliance, expose community members to a serious, demonstrable health risk, and/or do not comply with a directive of a faculty member or CBFS staff member are subject to disciplinary actions including immediate expulsion from the CBFS campus and course, without any refund for the field station fees, course tuition and fees, or for expenses incurred by that expulsion.

In addition, prior to arrival to the CBFS campus, students must present proof of either a negative test for COVID-19 (within 72 hours of the beginning of class) or vaccination (no later than 4 weeks prior to the beginning of class). It is required that students quarantine for 10 days prior to the beginning of class. Student should be prepared to demonstrate proof of medical insurance prior to class if requested.

By pre-registering for a class at the Chincoteague Bay Field Station, I am agreeing that I have read and understand the terms and conditions stated above and that I agree to abide by those terms and conditions.

