



COLLEGE and GRADUATE SCHOOL
of ARTS & SCIENCES
Mountain Lake Biological Station

COVID-19 Policies and Procedures

Effective August 9, 2021

User and Visitor Requirements

1. All station users and visitors must complete the on-line [Sign-In/Out and Health Attestation](#) form (mlbs.org/access) with every transition on or off the station. This applies to visitors, day-users, new arrivals, residents, contractors, and UVA employees.
2. All station users and visitors (>12 years old) are now **REQUIRED** to complete **COVID-19 vaccinations** at least 14 days prior to arrival at the station. Proof of vaccination or medical or religious exemption is required.
3. **Eating** inside Jefferson Dining Hall is prohibited.
4. **Visitors** are restricted to family members and partners and require advance approval. Day visitors may not dine with others at the dining hall outdoor seating.

Masks & Distancing

1. **EVERYONE is required to wear a mask indoors** in all public buildings. Masks are not required inside your own private or shared living space, or when alone in an enclosed space (eg. a private office).
2. **Vendors, service personnel, contractors, and children 12 years old or younger** who are not verified as vaccinated must wear **masks** and maintain **6 foot social distancing indoors and outside**.

Travel Restrictions

1. Undergraduate students and other program participants are restricted to Salt Pond Mountain except during defined course or program activity accompanied by program leader. **No other trips off the mountain are allowed** during the program. Visiting the Mountain Lake Lodge or any of its indoor buildings or facilities is prohibited.
2. MLBS leadership may grant special travel permission. Emergency (medical, health, safety only) travel is permitted but must be reported.

In the Event of Coronavirus Contact, Illness, or Positive Test

A resident who has:

- a. been in **"contact"** (within 6ft for at least 15min in the last 14 days) with anyone ill with COVID-19, or testing positive for coronavirus, will be **quarantined** (alone) for 10 days or depart the station.

- b. COVID-19 **symptoms**, or a **positive test** for coronavirus, will be **isolated** (alone or with others) for 10 days or depart the station.

Quarantine & Isolation Procedures

1. Quarantined and isolated individuals **will be moved to a new residence** where they must remain 24/7. “Remain” means not stepping off the porch or departing the residence, at all. No visitors will be allowed. Every effort will be made to provide comfort and work-related support. Communication with station personnel will be provided.
2. Medical care for severe symptomatic cases is available in Blacksburg 30-40 minutes away at the LewisGale Hospital, Velocity Care (Carilion) in Blacksburg, or other area health clinics. MLBS staff will assist with access and transport for severe symptomatic cases.

Compliance

There is **zero tolerance** for violation of these policies. Violators will be asked to leave the station immediately and prohibited from returning to the station for 12 weeks.

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