Pearlstone Family Farm Camp COVID-19 Protocols

The health and safety of all people remains our top priority. While we outline Pearlstone protocols here, please note that, consistently, Pearlstone’s protocols exceed government recommendations, including the guidance of CDC, federal, state, and local advisories in our efforts to keep all people on our land as safe as possible. A Johns Hopkins public health advisor reviews and helps us in determining our COVID-19 protocols.

Vaccination Mandate Pearlstone staff have a vaccination mandate. All staff are either fully vaccinated or have completed a medical or religious waiver and provide regular test results.

Additional COVID-19 protocols at Pearlstone include all cooks have completed SERV Safe COVID-19 Precautionary training, all high-touch surfaces are frequently disinfected using electrostatic guns, and the retreat center HVAC uses MERV 13 filters which are replaced quarterly.

Testing We strongly encourage anyone who can to get a PCR test in advance of arrival and will ask to see the PCR results at check-in. If you are unable to get a PCR test, we will ask you to present (2) TWO proofs of negative COVID-19 rapid antigen tests, one taken 48 hours before arrival, and another test taken at home before leaving for arrival day.

COVID-19 travel guidance recommendations We strongly recommend that those using public transportation, car services, or air travel always wear a mask during travel.

Daily Health Screening All coming to Pearlstone are to complete the health screening on their cell phone the morning before they come to Pearlstone. Letmein.pearlstonecenter.org. We recommend that one takes a screen capture of the clearance screen instead of waiting for the confirmation email as it sometimes takes a while to be sent. The clearance screen is shown to the security guard as one arrives on campus. Using the honor system, all Family Camp attendees will also take the health screening each subsequent morning. Should anyone not pass the health screening they will remain in their lodging room and alert Pearlstone staff for next steps. Attendance at whatever is one’s first session of the day is an acknowledgement that they have taken and passed the daily health test.
Quarantining We will have lodging set aside as quarantine rooms in the unlikely event that someone becomes symptomatic or tests positive while at Family Camp and needs to separate from others in their current lodging.

Masks Pearlstone will have an indoor mask optional policy in effect for this retreat. Outdoor masking will be at the discretion of the individual unless they are exhibiting any symptoms (sneezing, coughing, etc.) and in that case we ask that masks are worn when around others. KN95 masks are available for those who need additional masks. We ask that you please respect everyone’s personal space.

Dining Family Camp has outdoor dining options for all to use. Food will be served at buffets in the Dining room. Dining room COVID protocols include sinks available for handwashing prior to meals and well as sanitizer available, and the optional wearing of masks when at the buffet.

Lodging/sharing of bathrooms some lodging styles have shared bathrooms. There will be disinfectant available in these bathrooms for optional use.

*All points are subject to change based on the up-to-date advice of our health advisors.