

PESACH AT PEARLSTONE 2022 – HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

We are committed to the health, safety, and wellbeing of everyone through the entirety of Pesach at Pearlstone. Beyond adhering to best practices, our goal is to ensure a level of confidence among our entire community of guests and staff. The following COVID-19 protocols reflect Federal, State, and County mandates, the most current CDC guidance, as well as counsel from our public health advisor, Dr. Eili Klein of Johns Hopkins, who has reviewed our COVID protocols and says, *“I believe that protocols as written are sufficient given the risk of infection and severe disease in the current context of low case and positivity rates. However, that is for the aggregate risk and each individual has different levels of risk. Individuals that have concerns, especially those with immunocompromising conditions or who are over the age of 65, should consult with their personal physician before attending.”*

Please note that while these policies are currently in effect as of today (March 30), we review data daily and adjust protocols accordingly. If necessary, there may be changes between now and when you arrive which will be communicated as quickly as possible.

MASKING – as of March 28, Pearlstone lifted the indoor mask mandate. This event will be considered a modified masked event, meaning anyone who wishes is of course welcome to continue wearing a mask.

TESTING -

Guests – Guests will only be permitted to check in with proof of a negative result from a COVID-19 **PCR test** administered no more than 72 hours prior to arrival. Once testing is complete, we request you limit exposure risk by avoiding any activities such as spending time unmasked indoors with others not in your household. Rapid Tests results will **not** be accepted. There will be a waiver to sign at check-in that affirms each individual attending the program, including children, has had a negative result from a COVID-19 PCR lab test within 72 hours of arrival.

Travel guidance for those using public transportation or by air: please consider wearing a K95 or equivalent mask at all times until you arrive at Pearlstone.

Staff - All Pearlstone staff are under a vaccine mandate which means they are either fully vaccinated or have a medical or religious waiver and are subject to regular testing.

Instructors - Any instructors who come on site to lead special sessions will complete the daily health screening and be given a rapid antibody test upon arrival.

HEALTH SCREENINGS – Everyone must complete a brief form and show proof of completion at security before being permitted on campus. This form, which can be [previewed here](#), must be completed the same day of arrival. Additionally, we will post the screening questions in a public area for all to self-take every morning you are onsite. Using the honor system, everyone will review these health screening questions each morning. Should anyone not pass the health screening they will remain in their lodging room and follow the information provided for next steps. Anyone who is unable to meet conditions must remain isolated and alert Ann Ulick. Attendance at a meal or session each morning is confirmation that you have passed the screening.

HOSPITALITY STANDARDS – All culinary staff have completed ServSafe COVID-19 Precautionary training. Throughout the facility, high-touch surfaces are disinfected using electrostatic guns, and the HVAC system is equipped with MERV 13 filters. In the Dining Room we limit seating by group with ample space between tables. There is also an outdoor dining tent. All lodging will have been thoroughly cleaned before your arrival.

RESPONSE PROTOCOL – If anyone develops symptoms such as fever, cough or difficulty breathing, they and anyone sharing accommodations must stay in their room. Ann Ulick must be informed immediately, and we recommend that folks contact their primary care provider for medical advice. We may require rapid testing or PCR testing for anyone who becomes symptomatic or has been directly exposed to someone with symptoms. Pearlstone has rapid tests available on an as-needed basis. Anyone who tests positive for Covid and everyone sharing lodging with that person will be asked to immediately leave the campus.

**There is a testing center nearby overseen by the Star K that returns PCR testing results within 4 or 5 hours.*