



Synopsis

Outsider Charters Inc. is committed to the health and safety of our clients, and of our community. We have assessed our operations and implemented the measures outlined in this protocol in order to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission while participating in our fishing charters.

This protocol has been developed in accordance with the [orders and guidance](#) of British Columbia's Provincial Health Officer, and the [BC Tidal Waters Charter, Guide and Lodge Operations COVID-19 Protective Workplan](#).

We understand the transmission of COVID-19 to be a function of two variables: (1) the **number of contacts** (how many people are present in a setting at the same time), and (2) the **contact intensity** (the type and duration of contact between people in that setting). The steps outlined in this protocol are designed to modify activities as they relate to these contact variables, in order to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

The main areas of activity modification fall under the following categories:

- Physical distancing
- Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Personal hygiene
- Environmental sanitation and hygiene
- Effective client communications

Measures Implemented

Physical Distancing

- Limited number of guests on the boat
- Where possible, guests and guides will maintain a two meter (six feet) distance.
- No physical contact between guests and guides (hand shakes, high fives, etc.)

Personal Protective Equipment

- When appropriate physical distancing cannot be maintained, facemasks will be worn
- Guests are asked to bring their own face masks or face coverings, although we will have extra non-medical single use facemasks available
- Hand sanitizing products will be available for use following any encounter that brings people closer than the physical distancing requirements

Personal Hygiene

Guides and guests will be aware of and follow these best practices:

- regular and thorough handwashing or hand sanitizing
- cough or sneeze into upper elbow or sleeve
- avoid touching one's face
- respect physical distancing to the greatest extent possible, including being conscious of "respiratory etiquette"
- avoid common food and beverage sources such as shared chip bags or beverage containers

Guests should bring their own food and beverages, as well as personal outerwear (rain gear, boots, hats, etc.).

Environmental Sanitation and Hygiene

- Vessel will be fully sanitized between groups of guests, including the bathroom area
- Surfaces and gear used by guests (common touchpoints) will be disinfected regularly
- Limited sharing of gear between guests
- Trash will be removed from the vessel on a daily basis
- Disinfectant spray will be available, as will hand sanitizer
- Guides will properly sanitize prior to fish cleaning, and guests are to remain two meters (six feet) away from the fish cleaning station

Client Communications

Guests will be directed to this health and safety protocol prior to their charter, and a copy will be available on the vessel.

Guests will be asked to affirm that they have not experienced any COVID-like symptoms in the two weeks prior to the charter, and that they are not aware of exposure to others in that time period who have displayed such symptoms or who have COVID-19.

If you have COVID-like symptoms prior to your trip, please let us know and we will work to reschedule your trip without penalty. The health and safety of all our clients, and of our community, is paramount.

Guides will constantly self-monitor for COVID-like symptoms (including through the use of the [BC Self-Assessment Tool](#)) and for potential exposure to others with COVID-like symptoms.

A record of guests' contact information (name, phone, address) will be kept on file for the purpose of contact tracing. Guests are asked to contact Outsider Charters Inc. immediately if any member of their party becomes ill within 48 hours after their trip.

Appendix “A” – COVID-19 Information

Symptoms

The following are symptoms of COVID-19 as set out in [information provided by the government of British Columbia](#). Symptoms are similar to other respiratory illnesses such as the flu or common cold, and may vary from person to person in number and severity. Common COVID-19 symptoms:

- Fever
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Sore throat and painful swallowing
- Stuffy or runny nose
- Loss of sense of smell
- Headache
- Muscle aches
- Fatigue
- Loss of appetite

Gastrointestinal symptoms like diarrhea, nausea and vomiting may occur a few days after the onset of the above symptoms.

Symptoms can appear up to 14 days after being exposed to the virus.

Transmission

The [BC Centre for Disease Control](#) indicates that COVID-19 is transmitted via liquid droplets when a person coughs or sneezes, which can be transmitted through the eyes, nose or throat if in close contact. It can also be spread by touch if a person has used their hand to cover their mouth or nose when coughing or sneezing.

COVID-19 is not known to be airborne (present in small evaporated droplets or dust particles floating in the air for long periods of time) and is not known to be transmitted through the skin.