



ND HOBY Seminar COVID Guidance

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HOBY Headquarters (HQ) in partnership with the HOBY Health and Safety Council created this guide and accompanying resources to help sites, including HOBY North Dakota, navigate hosting a 2022 in-person seminar. HOBY North Dakota's 2022 in-person seminar will follow the guidance as outlined in this document.

HOBY seeks to build collaborative, compassionate leaders. We appreciate your support with these COVID-19 safety protocols and your partnership in ensuring a safe, fun seminar experience for all attendees and volunteers. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you in June!

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Resources

- Pre-Seminar COVID Symptom Checker - [Google Form format](#)
- Daily COVID Symptom Checker - [Google Form format](#)

HOBY HQ & ND HOBY Seminar Guidance

- For the health and safety of all, it is ND HOBY's recommendation, but not mandate, that all volunteers and ambassadors be fully vaccinated and up to date on vaccinations if they plan to attend an in-person seminar.
 - According to the CDC:
 - Fully vaccinated = a person has received their primary series of COVID-19 vaccines
 - Up to date = a person has received all recommended COVID-19 vaccines, including any booster dose(s) when eligible
 - ND HOBY follows local guidelines including the rules of the venue, and local county, city, and state guidelines for indoor programming.
- COVID conditions are continually evolving and will be monitored as seminar dates approach.

Best Practices

Masks

- **ND HOBY requires mask usage during check-in procedures to provide additional protection to/from parents, guardians, and other transportation companions. If the parent or guardian wishes not to wear a mask, they may drop the student off at the front door of Lidstrom Hall and a HOBY Seminar staff person will escort the student inside to the check-in area.**
- Mask usage during the seminar is optional for ND HOBY volunteers and ambassadors.
- ND HOBY will review and follow local or facility masking requirements for potential mask mandates.

Screening

- ND HOBY volunteers and ambassadors will be requested to screen for symptoms within 24 hours prior to arrival (ideally immediately before they travel) and remain home if any of these symptoms are present: fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, muscle aches, loss of smell or taste.
- Ambassadors and volunteers will be required to complete a screening questionnaire for symptoms before admitting them to the seminar.

- If symptoms consistent with COVID are present upon check-in, the student will be sent home. HOBY HQ will be contacted for potential placement in an upcoming virtual seminar.
- Daily symptom checks will be performed (through self-reported questionnaire).
- If a student presents with symptoms, ND HOBY will call the parent/guardian for immediate pick-up.
 - An extra space will be designated to isolate symptomatic students until they can be picked up from the premises.
 - ND HOBY may request the student get tested for COVID upon return home and notify ND HOBY Site COVID Contact if positive result.
- Individuals attending the Family & Friends Program and/or Closing Ceremony on Sunday, June 19, 2022 are required to complete a verbal screening for COVID symptoms before being permitted to enter the venue.

Cleaning and Social Distancing

ND HOBY will:

- Encourage washing/sanitizing of hands often.
- Disinfect high-touch surfaces.
- Have a supply of hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, and extra masks available.
- Select well-ventilated indoor spaces to enable students to spread out.
- For sleeping arrangements, encourage head to toe sleeping and open windows to encourage air flow (as weather and safety permits).
 - Sleeping arrangements allow for beds to be greater than or equal to 6 feet apart.

Testing

- Some rapid COVID tests will be on-hand, although:
 - It is not recommended that ND HOBY test symptomatic students.
 - Any symptomatic individual will be sent home, regardless of test result.
 - The tests on hand will be used in case it is deemed necessary to quell concern amongst volunteers/students.
- If a positive COVID case is confirmed:
 - ND HOBY will take the following actions:
 - Ensure the individual who tested positive is isolated and contact parent/guardian for pick-up.
 - ND HOBY will inform HOBY HQ that a case was confirmed.
 - Follow mandatory reporting guidelines through local Health Services.
 - NOTE: ND HOBY will not disclose the identity of the individual.