

Central Oregon Geoscience Society (COGS)

Covid-19 Safety Protocols for Field Activities

This policy governs the risk reduction measures being instituted by COGS for the resumption of Field Activities which include Field Trips and Geo-Explorations. The policy is intended to minimize risk and insure the safest experience for all participants and leaders. It is informed by CDC guidance but is primarily based on state and local guidance and restrictions. This policy was approved by the COGS Board of Directors on? and is effective immediately and will be in force until it is revised or rescinded by vote of the Board.

- 1.) COGS will consider the Covid-19 guidance and risk level of the county or counties where the field activity is occurring and comply with all state or local mandates. Within that framework, the COGS board will decide if field activities may take place and what mitigation measures are appropriate.
- 2.) In order to provide the safest environment, all participants, including leaders, must be fully vaccinated and boosted with FDA approved Covid-19 vaccine. Participants certify that they meet this requirement by signing the COGS waiver. Prospective participants who do not meet this requirement need to defer their participation in COGS field activities until such time as they do meet this requirement or this policy is no longer in effect.
- 3.) All participants and leaders are required to comply with the following basic safety precautions:
 - A.) Perform a self-health assessment the day of the activity. Do not attend if not feeling well or exhibiting any of the symptoms of Covid-19 or if you have been directly exposed to a person in the last week who is a suspected or confirmed case of Covid-19.
 - B.) Follow all Federal, State and Local mandates and regulations related to Covid-19.
- 4.) These are minimum required mitigation measures and individual organizers/leaders may require more stringent measures.