

# **SALTS Communicable Disease Prevention**

## **Protocols for Day Sails in 2021**

A communicable disease is an illness caused by an infectious agent that can be transmitted from one person to another. Examples include COVID-19, norovirus, and seasonal influenza. Communicable disease prevention focusses on basic risk reduction principles to reduce the risk of transmission.

Due to the limited space aboard the SALTS schooners and the close proximity necessary for sail training activities, SALTS will implement the following measures during 2021 Day Sails:

- Participants age 12 years and over must be fully vaccinated (two doses plus 14 days) for COVID-19. Vaccination cards and photo identification must be presented at the time of boarding. Boarding will be denied if verification of vaccination is not presented (e.g. forgotten, lost, misplaced, etc.) Fee refunds will not be issued if boarding is denied for this reason.
  - Exemption of the vaccination requirement may be requested from the Booking Manager in advance of the voyage (not on the day of the voyage) for anyone who has been advised not to be vaccinated for medical reasons by a medical doctor licensed by their provincial College of Physicians & Surgeons. Written verification will be required. An exempted participant will be required to wear a non-medical mask when in close proximity with others, while below deck and as instructed by a crew member.
- The sailing will be cancelled or postponed if expected weather makes it likely that most or all participants would need to remain below deck for an extended time. Fee refunds will be issued if the voyage is cancelled prior to disembarkation.
- Pre-boarding health screening questions will be asked by SALTS employees prior to boarding. Anyone with symptoms of a communicable disease (for example, fever and/or chills, headache, recent onset of coughing, difficulty breathing, diarrhea) should remain at home.
- Participants will bring their own lunch, snacks, and beverages and should not share with others outside their household.
- Participants should stay distant from others who are not part of their household when possible (on the dock and on board), but also recognize that physical distancing will not be possible at some times; operating the ship will require being shoulder to shoulder or face to face with other people.
- Masks must be worn below deck by those who are able and are recommended during sail setting and handling activities.
- A reminder about appropriate hygiene practices for coughing, sneezing, hand washing and the use of hand sanitizing stations will be included in the pre-departure orientation.
- If onset of symptoms occurs during the voyage, the Captain must be informed. Any symptomatic individual will wear a mask and remain distanced from others as much as possible until they return home where they should seek medical advice such as provided at [HealthLinkBC.ca](https://www.healthlinkbc.ca).
- The ship will be thoroughly cleaned and high touch areas sanitized before and after each voyage.
- The crew will ensure that ventilation is maximized in indoor spaces/holds by leaving skylights and hatches open if/as appropriate, subject to operational safety requirements.
- All other prevention measures mandated by BC Public Health, Transport Canada, or SALTS crew-members will be followed.