COVID safety protocols

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WINTRE-MIX
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https://www.eol.ucar.edu/field_projects/wintre-mix
The health of project participants and the local communities always takes priority over research goals.

- All project participants are expected to read and abide by the posted WINTRE-MIX COVID safety protocols.
- Doing so will help keep everyone involved healthy and help to minimize the chance of disturbances to WINTRE-MIX research operations.
- The protocols are subject to revision as conditions evolve. You will be notified of any changes.
COVID safety protocols: 
Federal, local, institutional

- Participants are expected to be familiar with and follow all current local COVID-related health regulations when in the field, both during and between IOPs.

- Links are provided in the protocol document for:
  - Canada
    - Ontario
    - Quebec
  - USA
    - New York
    - Vermont

- Participants are expected to follow their home institution’s COVID-related health regulations.

- When on the property of a participating university, lab, agency, or other institution, participants are expected to follow that institution’s applicable COVID-related health regulations.

- Links are provided in the protocol document for:
  - UAlbany, UCOLORADO, UWYOMING, UILLINOIS
  - NRC
  - McGill, UQAM
COVID safety protocols:

International travel

Make sure you are aware of current travel restrictions and plan accordingly, well in advance of your travel!

Travel from USA to Canada

- For “fully vaccinated travelers”
  - Pre-entry test (72h, molecular)
  - Proof of vaccination
  - May be subject to arrival test
  - Can avoid post-arrival quarantine

- For non-“fully vaccinated travelers”
  - May only enter under limited circumstances
  - 14-day quarantine requirement

Travel from Canada to USA

- Foreign national air travelers to the United States required to be fully vaccinated ... with only limited exceptions.

- Documented non-citizens who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 will be allowed to cross the land borders with Canada ... or arrive in the United States by passenger ferry for non-essential reasons

- Only limited exceptions are allowed to vaccine requirement.
COVID safety protocols:

**Project guidelines**

Masking
- PIs should provide groups with adequate supply
- Masks should be worn in most indoor settings (see document for exceptions)

Vaccination
- Vaccination, including booster doses, is strongly encouraged as the best way to protect health and minimize disruptions to the field campaign.
- Participants are expected to follow all applicable local, federal, and institutional rules regarding vaccination.

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**Monitoring, testing, isolation, quarantine**

- Participants should **monitor** themselves daily for potential COVID symptoms

- Strategic use of **rapid antigen tests** is encouraged, where available

- Participants with COVID-like symptoms should **refrain from attending in-person project activities** until receipt of negative test or...

- Participants receiving a positive COVID test result should **refrain from returning to in-person project activities** until no longer considered a transmission risk based on official health guidance (see document for details)

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Violations

- For minor violations of these protocols, such as those that may arise due to misunderstandings, participants are encouraged to constructively correct their colleagues' behavior.

- For major and/or repeated violations, participants should report the violation to project PIs and, if applicable, the relevant supervising organization.

- The PIs reserve the right to bar participants from field activities in the case of major and/or repeated violations of the above health and safety protocols.
Questions?

WINTRE-MIX

February 1, 2022 to March 15, 2022

Project Location:
Northern New York and Southern Quebec, with a focus on the Saint Lawrence River Valley and Lake Champlain Valley

What’s New?:
- WINTRE-MIX Planning Meeting - 13/14 December 2021 - SUNY Albany
- ADVANCEGeo training - Required Code of Conduct Training (Virtual) - 14 Dec 2021
- Northeast Regional Operational Workshop 22 (NROW22) Presentation - 9 November 2021 - Albany, NY
- Internal Winter Weather Workshop Presentation - 5 November 2021 - NWS Burlington, Vermont (BVT)

Project Description:

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