

Communicable Disease Prevention Plan
Haig-Brown Festival
Staying healthy and safe

The following guidelines outline how we plan to safely bring community together at the festival.

Visitors entering the festival:

- Signage at the entrance of the festival will encourage visitors to wear a mask while attending the festival.
- Signage encouraging social distancing will be visible at the entrance and in prominent places around the festival.
- A table with hand sanitizer will be available and staffed by a festival greeter and all visitors entering encouraged to sanitize hands.
- A check in process will be used for all event staff, vendors, volunteers and performers to verify they are:
 - Healthy, don't have flu-like symptoms
 - Have not been asked to quarantine
 - Have not been in contact with someone who has been asked to quarantine
- Attendees will be counted as they enter the grounds of the festival to ensure capacity does not exceed 5,000 people or 50%.

Artisan Market:

- Vendors have been notified to stay home if unwell or displaying any symptoms or if they have been directed to self-isolate.
- Vendors have been encouraged to wear a mask if not able to maintain a 2m of social distancing when speaking to visitors.
- Space between vendors will be increased to 5' to minimize visitor congestion & bunching.
- Open dialogue for any questions and concerns between vendors and festival organizers.
- Hand-sanitizing stations will be available throughout the site at key locations.

Food Truck & vendors serving ready to eat food:

- Table with alcohol-based sanitizers required at food truck and Riverside Café
- Vendors providing food service will be required to follow Provincial Health Orders and regulations.
- Signs reminding participants to wash or sanitize their hands before touching self-serve food, drink or other items, are posted at the self-serve station;
- High touch surfaces at the station, and utensils that are used for self-serve, are frequently cleaned and sanitized
- If appropriate, tables and chairs will be cleaned at a regular basis.

House Tours

- Participants who join the house tours will be asked to wear a mask and sanitize before entry. Tours will be at half capacity for a maximum of 4 individuals
- Masks will be mandatory inside the house throughout the festival.

Workshops & Presentations

- Musical performers will be positioned near the back of the stage to exceed the 2m social distancing requirements.
- Presenters in the Kingfisher Creek tour and Writing in the Woods workshop will be directed to wear a mask for the duration of the presentation.
- Attendees to workshops and tours will be required to wear a mask when 2m social distancing is not possible.
- Participants in the writing workshop will be assigned a seat and seats will be spaced at least 2m away from other participants.
- All workshops will take place outdoors.
- Physically distancing signs will be present at workshops.

Mainstage Presentations

- Speakers on stage will not be required to wear a face mask unless more than one person is on stage at the same time and unable to maintain at least 2m distance.
- Handshakes will not be used when presenting the Stewardship Awards.
- A group photo of all winners will not be encouraged this year unless face masks are worn by all individuals.
- Chairs for audience will be spaced 2m apart and audience members discouraged from moving between chairs.

Monitoring status

- Current and new cases on North Vancouver Island can be tracked from [Island Health Covid 19 Data](#)

Sources:

ORDER OF THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICER

(Pursuant to Sections 30, 31, 32 and 39 (3) Public Health Act, S.B.C. 2008) [GATHERINGS AND EVENTS – September 10, 2021](#)

[Reducing COVID-19 risk in community settings: A tool for operators](#)

Other Resources:

Review the latest guidance from public health officials and emergency support measures

[Public Health Orders for the Province of BC](#)
[Island Health COVID-19 Updates & Information](#)
[BC Centre for Disease Control](#)

[BC Ministry of Health \(including self-assessment\)](#)
[Public Health Agency of Canada](#)
[Government of BC: Vaccination Registration Page](#)