

## **Atlantic Challenge USA COVID-19 Assumption of Risk Statement**

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Atlantic Challenge USA is excited to welcome you to a summer 2021 sailing and rowing expedition in beautiful mid-coast Maine! We want to make sure you know how we're currently handling reducing the spread of Covid-19, so you can make an informed decision about your choice to participate in our program.

Our commitment to safety is our number one priority. How best to manage the risks of spreading Covid-19 is an evolving situation, and our practices may change as we gain new information or receive new recommendations from the CDC, Maine CDC, the Sea Scouts, and other outdoor summer programs. Thanks for your flexibility, understanding, patience, and support.

Atlantic Challenge USA will use medical advice and our best judgement to decide when and under what conditions any programs will operate. Activities or locations may be changed, potentially at the last minute. We will keep you informed if there are any changes.

Contracting Covid-19 is a new risk for everyone and like other risks, cannot be entirely eliminated. To mitigate the risk of Covid-19 spread on our program, we ask:

### **Before you come:**

- Take steps to limit your exposure to Covid for 14 days prior to and while traveling to your program. This includes physical distancing, wearing a mask or face covering when in public, and especially when physical distancing is not possible, frequent hand washing, and monitoring your health for symptoms of Covid-19.
- Do not travel to your AC USA program if you have Covid-19 symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell), have in the past 14 days been in close contact with someone suspected or confirmed as having COVID-19, or you are confirmed or suspected as having COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
- Disclose all pertinent medical conditions before your program starts.
- Participants who test positive for COVID-19 (within 14 days of course start) will not be allowed to go on the program.

### **At the start of the program, we will:**

- Conduct a health check by asking you some questions about how you are feeling and taking your temperature. If anyone has symptoms of COVID-19, we will separate that person from the group and seek medical advice.

### **During your program, we will:**

- Physical distance at least six feet when in camp, and wear face coverings when closer than six feet. We will practice excellent hand hygiene before and after boating activities. We are still discussing if and when face coverings will be worn while in the boat.
- For sleeping, participants will sleep in separate tents, unless the participants are already in a household/pod.
- Wash and/or sanitize our hands regularly and at other times as necessary. We will provide soap and hand sanitizer for your use. You will be expected to follow our hygiene practices throughout the program.
- Participants who in our judgement do not comply with these expectations may be expelled from the program.

- A brief health check will occur each day of the program. We ask you to **bring your own digital oral thermometer** for use during the program. If a participant develops symptoms of COVID-19, we will care for them in ways to limit close contact with others, seek medical advice, and follow our COVID-19 illness guidelines which may include evacuation. If required by local health authorities it's possible that the whole group will be evacuated. If you or someone on your course, either during the course or afterwards, is found to be COVID-19 positive we will cooperate with public health authorities with contact tracing as necessary.
- All costs associated with an evacuation from a course are the responsibility of the participant or the participant's family. We have limited ability to house evacuees, and they may need to stay in local lodging until they are able or allowed, per medical advice, to return home. Participants will need to make their own travel arrangements to return home. AC USA may be able to provide assistance in finding lodging or arranging travel.

***I (or the parent or guardian of a minor participant under 18) have read and acknowledge the information regarding the risk of COVID-19 on my Atlantic Challenge USA program:***

\_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Participant Signature, Age of participant \_\_\_\_\_

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 Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Guardian Signature

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 Printed Name of Parent or Guardian