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## **SSI BEST PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES FOR COVID-19 OPERATIONS**

Thank you for choosing to train with SSI! As we all continue to navigate COVID, the SSI team feels that the most important pieces of this are honesty and flexibility. We all need to be flexible, and we all need to be honest about how we are feeling and what our exposure may have been just prior to the course. If you feel like you have flu like symptoms with a fever over 100°f or decreased O2 saturations, please DO NOT attend the training. Please be aware of the [refund policy](#) with regard to COVID exposure.

In 2021 we rolled out our online training platform. This allows every SSI course to begin with online training that you complete in the safety of your own home, and at your convenience. For this reason, we are now teaching primarily outside in open air environments and do not require any formal classroom time for rescue theory, besides your online component, with the exception of our PRO-SAR and Swiftwater Boat Operator Courses.

### **WHAT SSI WILL DO:**

- SSI will follow all Federal, State and Local mandates
- SSI will follow current guidelines by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as the World Health Organization (WHO)
- SSI reserves the right to require vaccinations for certain courses in specific areas of concern - see the SSI refund policy for more information

### **TRAININGS AND OPERATIONS – ATTENDEE PROTECTION PLAN**

- The majority of training will take place outside
- Update on safety talks to include hygiene and COVID-19 measures
- Discontinuing travel to locations with critical COVID-19 outbreaks

### **COURSE PRECAUTIONS:**

- SSI literature will advise all students and instructors that they should be healthy before attending every training
  - The instructors have the discretion to seek the removal of a student who shows signs of illness at any time of the training.
  - If an instructor becomes ill the course may be immediately cancelled and course credit will be issued for the entirety of the next calendar year

### **PREVENTION / SANITATION:**

#### **ALL SSI course attendees including instructors:**

- Wash hands or sanitize hands frequently throughout the day.
- Don't cough or sneeze around others, on communal items or surfaces.