

SVDP Covid Safety Operating Guidelines

Before the Trip:

- Students will strictly follow the safety guidelines of their state, leading up to the trip.
- Students will get tested within 72 hours of arriving at the SVDP, in accordance with PA state travel guidelines.
- Students will not be welcome to arrive, until after they receive their negative test.
- Formation
 - <https://time.com/5800930/how-coronavirus-will-hurt-the-poor/>
 - Staff will facilitate a virtual reflection with the group, before the trip, to emphasize that coronavirus disproportionately impacts the financially poor, both financially and in terms of deaths.
 - We will highlight, that although they will not be directly engaging with any people on the trip, the number one service they can offer the neighborhood of Germantown, is being scrupulously careful the two weeks leading up to their trip.

Sleeping:

- Students will each have their own room
- There are beds, with removable covers at the center. These covers will be washed between each stay
- Students should bring their own bedding – including pillow, sheets, and comforter or blanket.
- **They may only take their mask off in their bedroom, when the door is completely closed.**

Meals:

- If weather permits, students will eat outside.
- Before and after each meal, students will use Lysol wipes to wipe down the table and seat that they used.
- Students will remain six feet apart during meals.
- Students may remove masks once they are seated at their table.
- Paper products will be used during all meals
- One person from staff will be in charge of distributing the food. This will ensure only one person is touching the serving utensils.

Bathrooms:

- There are six bathrooms throughout the house with 9 toilets, 9 showers, and 11 bathroom sinks in all.
- We will assign a certain amount of students to each bathroom. This way, students are sharing the least amount of germs with the least amount of people.

- For those who are sharing bathrooms, we will also create a schedule for showering.
- Masks must be worn in the restrooms at all times except during the following: brushing their teeth, washing their face or showering.

Service:

- Before students leave for sites each day, we will take their temperatures.
- Although this might change towards the summer months, as populations continue to be vaccinated, as of winter 2021 all service will take place **outside**.
- Students will remain masked throughout their experience of service.
- When breaking for lunch, students will ensure to be 6-10 feet apart before they take off their masks.
- When using the facilities bathrooms, students will remain masked, and ensure to thoroughly wash and dry hands for at least 20 seconds.