

COVID-19 Facility Use Agreement

September 2020

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING!

On March 18th, 2020, the province of BC declared a State of Emergency to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Shawnigan Cobble Hill Farmers Institute and Agricultural Society (SCHFIAS) responded to the directive from our public health officials to close our facilities and cease offering services to the public. SCHFIAS is now responding to the direction that, within limits, we can reopen our facilities and cautiously offer rental services to our community, with the safety of our volunteers, cleaning staff and community members being our priority.

This initiative includes permitting regular user groups access to our facilities, **but solely on the basis that COVID-19 precautions will be adhered to by any and all user groups as well as any and all individuals who participate in a program or services offered by a renter.**

COVID-19 remains a worldwide pandemic. It is a threat to our local health and safety. We know the following (this list is not intended to be exhaustive):

1. The infectious agent, SARS-CoV-2, has caused cases and outbreaks of a serious communicable disease known as COVID-19 among the population of the Province of British Columbia;
2. Our public health officials have determined what constitutes an event, as defined in the *Public Health Act*;
3. A person infected with the Corona Virus can infect other people with whom the infected person comes in contact; and
4. The gathering of people in close contact to one another can promote the transmission of COVID-19 and increase the number of people who develop and then possibly transmit the disease.

We cannot be certain that a person of any age will not contract the Corona Virus at our facility while participating in a program offered by renters. However, we have taken the steps required to develop our SCHFIAS COVID-19 Safety Plan, which is available for review on the Farmers Institute website at <https://farmersinstitute.ca>. In addition, SCHFIAS requires all renters to develop and submit their own COVID-19 Safety Plan prior to renting a facility.

Although we have implemented the SCHFIAS COVID-19 Safety Plan, **the risk remains that a COVID-19 outbreak could occur at one of our buildings despite our best efforts.**

As the representative of a user group, you are required to read and confirm that you understand the SCHFIAS COVID-19 Safety Plan. You are required to circulate this document to the participants in the activity for which you are renting our facilities.

You are required to take steps to ensure that participants act in accordance with both your and the SCHFIAS COVID-19 Safety Plans. Failure to adhere to the same could result

in your user group's access being revoked without refund of any fees and/or any particular person being banned from access to our facilities.

It is vital that no person who feels sick in any way visit any of our facilities. It is also vital that no person brings anyone who is unwell or is showing any symptoms of illness to any of our facilities and/or a program offered by renters. In addition, it is vital that any person who becomes ill within 14 days of visiting a SCHFIAS buildings that they report this immediately to their program renter as well as SCHFIAS by contacting Gerry Giles, Rental Coordinator, at cobblehillhall@gmail.com or ggiles12@shaw.ca and where appropriate seeking medical attention.

We will share personal information collected with Island Health for the purposes of contact tracing if the need arises. To attend our facility, all persons taking part in all activities you offer must consent to the same.

I have reviewed the SCHFIAS Covid19 Safety Plan as provided to me by the Rental Coordinator	INITIAL HERE
I have read, understand and agree with this Facility Use Agreement	INITIAL HERE
I have reviewed this Agreement with all those who will participate In the programs or activities offered by me.	INITIAL HERE

Print Renter's Name

Renter's Signature

Date