

# July 2020 Go West Safety Protocols

During the months we have been closed, we have studied the protocols suggested for the "new normal" and have trained our staff to ensure that they deliver a safe experience for our guests and themselves.

We will be adopting the following, but please note that these are ever-changing procedures which we will update as new information becomes available about COVID-19.

Below are some of the measures we will be asking visitors to take:

## **Pre-Arrival Packing**

- Please pack extra masks in your carry-on luggage
- Pack disinfectant wipes and sufficient hand sanitizer to supplement that which you will find in all public places.
- Pack defog for your mask as spitting into masks is not appropriate.
- Consider sanitizing your personal dive gear before packing.

# Check-In & In-Shop Procedures

- Whenever possible, all dive waivers will be completed outdoors.
- Face masks must be worn inside the shop, and people are expected to maintain 2m/6f social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer is available at the doors and on the counter.
- If possible, please pay with a credit card. The exchange of cash is discouraged.

## **During Your Dive Experience**

- Remember to wash your hands frequently, especially after a bathroom visit.
- Maintain social distancing of 2m/6ft while gearing up, getting on or off the dive boats, and before descending into the water.
- Restrict yourself from touching gear that is not your own.
- Use defog (not spit) to clean your mask.

## **Boat Diving**

- The maximum number of people per boat has been reduced to 10 divers plus staff.
- On the boats, face masks are required while onboarding and offboarding the dive boats.
- Once the boat is underway and people are able to social distance, masks can be removed while out in the fresh air.
- Once you are seated, please refrain from moving about the boat as much as possible.
- There will be no communal rinse buckets on the boat.
- Foodservice is no longer offered, or if offered, will be pre-wrapped, such as granola bars.



### Gear

- All rental regulators, masks, and snorkels will be soaked in a bleach solution, then rinsed with fresh water.
- Go West Diving sells a good selection of masks and snorkels in their shop should you prefer to use your own.
- Regulator mouthpieces can also be purchased for those who prefer their own.
- Rental BCD's will be washed with an antiseptic wash.
- Rental wetsuits will be washed with Wetsuit wash.
- Personal dive gear can be washed in designated sanitizing rinse tanks.

Below are some additional measures Go West Diving will be taking:

- All areas of the dive operation will be sanitized regularly, especially high traffic areas such as the bathroom, picnic tables, counters, the classroom, the dive retail shop.
- At the end of each day, high traffic areas on the dive boats will be wiped with a bleach solution followed by the normal boat rinsing.