

## **COVID-19, STUDENT PROTOCOLS and EXPECTATIONS – PLEASE READ ASAP** (FEB 12, 2021)

Our goal is to have the most COVID SAFE situation for everyone while still gaining all the critical benefits of class exposure for owners and dogs. We do require that all of the protocols are followed by students and staff. Our training hall is set up to ensure social distancing beyond 6 feet (approx. 12 feet) for everyone. We are going above and beyond to be the most COVID safe dog training school for both students and staff. Do not hesitate at any time if you have questions/concerns to e-mail Diane at:

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- **MEDICAL MASKS ARE MANDATORY TO ENTER SCHOLARS.** In the name of even safer protocols. We will no longer be allowing just cloth face coverings at the school unless used as a second layer along with a medical mask. This decision is based in the fact that we cannot visually assess the protective values of a cloth mask as people enter. We will only be accepting medical masks (surgical, N95 or KN95). If you cannot get one before class or are unsure of what to get, we can provide 1 surgical mask when you arrive for the first time at the training hall at no charge, then we request that you keep it in the car to use at class every week. Replacements or additional masks can be purchased during the course can be purchased at \$2 each Toonie donation. If you cannot mask, unfortunately, in-person classes are not an option due to the risk to the others in the room. However, we do have our online program and remote coaching is an option for you in this case. We are sorry for the inconvenience this may cause for some people.
- **PLEASE TAKE YOUR TEMPERATURE BEFORE COMING TO CLASS. PLEASE DO NOT COME IF YOU OR ANY FAMILY MEMBERS MIGHT BE SICK IN ANY WAY AT ALL, NOT JUST WITH RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS.**
- **We have the benefit of all lessons online to “take” the lesson at home with trainer support remotely so you will never miss the actual lesson. Remember, the lessons are presented to the people, not your dogs.**
- Watch the online lesson in detail and ideally try the lesson at home a couple of days before the in class lesson to reduce close up coaching. This protocol is actually one we have always had in place even pre-Covid as you intake the presentation in more detail than in person under distraction. It also means class time is spent less on presentations and more on coaching and training time.
- **1 PERSON/DOG IN CLASS:** This is due to Ontario bylaw restrictions and will be strictly enforced unless a special arrangement has been made ahead of time. This number will be increased as allowed and appropriate for best safety practices.
- Plan ahead and leave proper prep time before leaving your home for class.
- It is ideal to Pee/Poo your dogs at home to increase the likelihood they will go and not have an accident or be distracted and desperate during class. Yes, they can go on our lawn, but often when distracted they do not go as readily so fuss in class, have trouble focusing and do not “GO” even when taken out. Again, this also reduces entry and exit and touch points as well. If your dog does have an accident inside, you will mark it with a little cone and we deal with it after class to prevent handing off our clean up kit.
- Students should try to use their Washroom at home ahead to reduce sharing the washroom at the hall. If you need to use it, no problem, we will wipe down after use, we are just trying to reduce risks as much as possible.
- Be VERY well equipped. Including treats (3 – 4 flavors with something new/novel each week as well) and recommended bones (prep at home) to reduce us having to give/loan stuff at class. If we need to give you anything, it will be with clean hands and given in a socially distanced way. The key is to bring lots of variety and options for your dog. Include your tug if your dog tugs as once again, it is not ideal to be loaning out equipment at this time, but if we do, please note, everything is washed between uses. Any items loaned will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected between each use.
- Prep your training equipment/food/bone the night before works really well.
- Arrive and wait outside 5- 10 minutes prior to your class time. SOCIAL DISTANCE by ideally waiting in or next to your car. Do not wait right outside the door. We will invite you in one by one at which time you will be Covid screened in person. Please review page 2 for the current questions and do not come to school if you will answer yes to any of them. If you arrive sooner than 10 mins prior to your class time, wait in your car as not to interfere with the prior class exiting and driving out.
- We have added extra time between our classes to also help ensure no cross traffic and for thorough cleaning of each station between every class. We also clean the door every time a person enters or exits and anytime any touch point is handled. It is also recommended to wait in the car if it is cold or your dog is sensitive to traffic noise (we are right next to hwy 6)
- We will have sanitizer at each station and at all entry and exit points, please use when you arrive at your station and as often as you would like.
- No in person equipment sales in class. You can pre-order then pick up through curbside or in class pick up.
- Make your own class a high priority as class swaps will not be offered at this time to keep contact numbers low.
- Questions before or after class will not be done in class if possible, but referred to Diane and handled remotely.

**Our goal is to go above and beyond public health recommendations.**

**Thanks so much for your support and understanding.**

**Diane and the staff at Scholars in Collars Dog Training.**




# COVID-19 Screening Tool

## 1. Do you have any of the following new or worsening symptoms or signs?


If you regularly have any of these symptoms and they have not changed or worsened, DO NOT answer YES.

Yes   
No




Fever or chills

Yes   
No




Cough

Yes   
No




Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath

Yes   
No




Sore throat, trouble swallowing

Yes   
No




Runny or stuffy nose

Yes   
No




Decrease or loss of taste or smell

Yes   
No



Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea

Yes   
No



Fatigue, malaise, headache

## 2. \* Have you had close contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 without wearing appropriate PPE?

Yes  No

\* Except for Health Care Providers who use appropriate PPE

## 3. \*\* Have you travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days?

Yes  No

\*\* Except for essential travel workers

If you answered YES to any of these questions, go home & self-isolate. Call Telehealth or your health care provider, to find out if you need a test.

If you answered NO to all of these question, you can go attend your activity.

The following questions are used to screen for COVID-19 before entry, as per direction from the Medical Officer of Health.