

COVID Policies

As of July 20, 2020

With the health and safety of our members and community in mind, the Mazamas are operating with a set of policies & practices to reduce risk of COVID-19 transmission. We recognize and acknowledge these policies and practices will not eliminate risk, but rather allow us to engage in activity with reduced risk. We will ask each of our members and participants to make their own choices regarding acceptable risk.

Updates (list of changes to this document since it was originally posted on June 1, 2020):

- **Face covering/masks are required whenever participants are within 6 ft. of each and must be ready to be pulled into position** when it is likely activity participants will come within 6 ft. of each other.
 - *Note: If a photo is taken of a Mazama activity with participants over the age of 5, it should indicate that this policy is being adhered to. (Exception: Mazama Wild participants under the age of 10)*
- For indoor usage face coverings/masks must be a **minimum of a double layer of fabric**, or a **multi-layer disposable mask**. For outdoor usage a single layer of fabric, such as a Buff/neck gaiter pulled up over the mouth and nose, is acceptable, however, double-layer is preferred in any environment in which the participants will be stationary for a period of time, such as in camp.
- Anyone over the age of 5 will be required to adhere to the face covering policy (*exception: participants in Mazama Wild as Oregon Summer Camp guidelines prohibit this requirement*)
- An online form will be emailed to you 7 days after participating in a Mazama event asking about any new COVID-19-like symptoms or exposure.
- Mazama Lodge is closed until further notice
- Street Rambles are on hiatus until further notice
- Intermediate Climbing School, Canyoneering, Round the Mountain, and Running Camps have been cancelled.

The Mazama Mountaineering Center is closed until further notice.

Oregon State's guidelines are very strict in regards to our kids' summer program. To operate summer camp within guidelines mandated by the State, the MMC will not be open to anyone other than Mazama staff, Mazama Wild staff, and Mazama Wild participants. Gear for activities must be requested and will be available for curbside pick-up.

Mazamas wide policies (these policies apply to all Mazamas activities)

- Face coverings/masks **are required to be worn** when a person is within 6 ft. of another person.
- For indoor usage face coverings/masks must be a minimum of a double layer of fabric, or a multi-layer disposable mask. For outdoor usage a single layer of fabric, such as a Buff/neck gaiter pulled up over the mouth and nose, is accessible.
- All participants and volunteer leadership will maintain a minimum of 6-feet in between each other when possible on a Mazama activity. If the 6-foot distance is not possible, face coverings must be worn.
- All Mazamas programs and activities must have up-to-date knowledge of state, county, city and land manager regulations. The Mazamas will adhere to the most conservative guidelines that are in effect for a particular activity. It is up to the activity leader to review the guidelines of the area where the activity will take place prior to the start date of the activity.
- All participants must sign a COVID-19 acknowledgement of risk in addition to the regular Mazamas risk waiver.
- All staff, participants, and volunteer leaders are required to report any COVID-19 symptoms or exposure to an individual with COVID-19 symptoms or diagnosed with COVID-19. All individuals will monitor for symptoms, including taking temperature, 24 hours prior to the start of their program. Any symptomatic or feverish participants will be required to cancel themselves from the trip. Full refunds will be provided for cancellations due to COVID-19 symptoms, or exposure to someone with symptoms or diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Mazamas gatherings will be restricted to 10 people or less as long as we are in Phase I in Multnomah County. When we move into Phase 2 gathering can be up to 25 people. Specific activities may have a lower number of participants. These figures will change as local and national guidance changes.
- Carpooling is highly discouraged for all Mazamas programs. Avoid stopping for gas, food, snacks, and other supplies in communities outside of your own. **Do not stop in gateway communities.**
- All participants over the age of 2 are required to bring a face covering and hand sanitizer on all activities and practice high hygiene standards. (Mazama Wild: participants over the age of 10).
- There will be no shared food or drink at any Mazama activities or events.

Any participant who has had exposure or is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms within two weeks after a Mazama program or being at the Mazama Mountaineering Center or Mazama Lodge will report to the Mazamas. All participants will be sent a form 7 days post-activity to report symptoms and exposure.

In these cases, the Mazamas will inform all participants on that program that they may have come in contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19. The name of the symptomatic person will not be shared.

MMC Policies

The MMC will remain closed for normal operations until further notice. Once the MMC is reopened, the following policies will be in place.

- Everyone entering the MMC will be required to sign-in
- Everyone entering the MMC will be required to wash their hands
- No one with a temperature above 100.3 will be allowed into the building
- Cloth face covering will be required for everyone over the age of 5

Mazama Outdoor Activities Policies (applies to all outdoor activities. Including hike, climb, rambles, etc.)

- All outdoor activities (climb, hike, run, etc.) are limited to a maximum group size of 10 while we are in Phase I of reopening, and 25 while we are in Phase 2.
- Individuals may participate in a maximum of 1 activity per week, or 2 with the same roster
- Groups will not have access to the MMC to use bathrooms or get gear. The parking lot will not be open.
- Carpooling is highly discouraged by anyone who is not currently sharing a household.
- Sharing tents or personal gear is prohibited with non-household members.
- Sharing food, cooking equipment, utensils, containers, or drinking receptacles is prohibited.
- All individuals must bring and carry their own alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Cloth face coverings are required for outdoor activities.
- Face covering/masks must **be ready to be pulled into position** when it is likely activity participants will come within 6 ft. of each other
- Outdoor activities must be structured to maintain 6 ft. of distance between participants whenever possible (brief periods closer than 6 ft. are acceptable)
- All group gear must be quarantined for a minimum of 48 hours between use

Climbing

- Climbs are limited to a maximum group size of 10

- Masks will be worn whenever climbers are within 6 ft. of each other
- Climbers will maintain at least 6 ft. distance from each other whenever possible and come closer only when necessary.
- Contact at belays and corrals will be minimized.
- All trips will be on familiar and comfortable terrain to the leader.
- All personal and group climbing gear must be quarantined for 48 hours before use.
- Individual gear will not be shared whenever possible and climbers will minimize touching other climbers individual gear.

Hiking

- Hikes are limited to a maximum group size of 10
- Masks will be worn whenever hikers are within 6 ft. of each other
- Hikers will maintain at least 6 ft. of distance from each other whenever possible and come closer only when necessary
- Hikers will pass other groups/hikers with a minimum of 6 ft. distance. If closer, hikers will wear their mask.
- All trips will be on familiar and comfortable terrain to the leader.
- All personal and group climbing gear must be quarantined for 48 hours before use.
- Individual gear will not be shared