

COVID Policies

As of June 1, 2020

With health and safety of our members and community in mind, the Mazamas will be 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.

The Mazama Mountaineering Center is closed until further notice.

Oregon State's guideline 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 polices (these polices apply to all Mazamas activities)

- 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.
- 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. 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.
- All participants and volunteer leadership will maintain a minimum of 6-feet in between each other when on a Mazama program.
- Mazamas gatherings will be restricted to 25 people or less. 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 10 are required to bring a face covering and hand sanitizer on all activities and practice high hygiene standards.
- There will be no shared food or drink at any Mazama activities or events.

Any participant 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.

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 about 100.3 will be allowed into the building
- Cloth face covering will be required for everyone over the age of 10

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

- All outdoor activities (climb, hike, run, etc.) is limited to a maximum group size of 25
- 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.
- Outdoor activities must be structured to maintain 6' whenever possible (brief periods closer than 6' 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' of each other
- Climbers will maintain at least 6' 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' of each other
- Hikers will maintain at least 6' distance from each other whenever possible and come closer only when necessary
- Hikers will pass other groups/hikers with a minimum of 6' 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