

MTTA GUEST COVID POLICY
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Mount Tahoma Trails Association (MTTA) wants its guests and volunteers to have the safest possible experience in this time of the COVID pandemic. These policies are developed based on current WA State guidance regarding COVID safety for public health. These guidelines will be modified and updated in compliance with the state and counties that our facilities occupy and the policies of the landowners.

Definitions for these terms (fully vaccinated, proof of vaccination, working alone, maintaining social distancing, and close contact) are outlined in the DNR document "COVID-19 – PPE & Disinfectant Protocols" and are conventional.

Before participating in an MTTA event, volunteering for MTTA, or planning to be a guest at an MTTA hut/yurt, each person shall agree to the requirements below and answer "No" to the following. (Answer NO if attributed to another condition such as chronic lung disease) (3h):

- Do you have a fever (100.4°F or higher), or a sense of having a fever?
- Do you have any of the following **new** symptoms: a cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, fatigue, headache, congestion, loss of taste or smell, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea?
- Are you experiencing new muscle aches (myalgia) you cannot attribute to another health condition, or that may have been caused by a specific activity (such as physical exercise)?
- Have you had close contact within the last 14-days with someone who is currently sick with confirmed COVID-19 or has symptoms suggestive of a possible COVID-19 infection? (Note: Close contact – refers to being closer than 6 feet from someone for greater than 15 minutes total (this is a cumulative total within a 24 hour period). Close contact is used when determining possible quarantine needs if a positive case occurs.) This portion of the policy will be modified if the close contact occurs in a medical situation and the volunteer is utilizing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

If you would answer YES to ANY of the questions listed above, please contact your supervisor/trip leader prior to participating.

We encourage all of you to stay home and take care of yourself if you feel sick. You should only visit MTTA if you feel healthy. Our goal continues to be to provide a healthy and safe environment for all. (Reference: Modified from DNR Employee Daily COVID-19 Screening)

Requirements:

All MTTA guests shall be fully vaccinated or have had a negative COVID test within 72 hours of stay. The leader of an overnight group is responsible for everyone in his or her group. During overnight registration of an MTTA building, the party leader agrees to follow these guidelines.

Reservation Availability:

Huts are available for overnight reservation on the following schedule. MTTA Office to be closed to the public. Huts will be closed to day-use. Reservations are non-refundable.

Weekend (Friday & Saturday open for a 2- night reservation)

Monday - open for a 1-night reservation

Tuesday - closed

Wednesday – open for a 1-night reservation

Thursday - closed

For entry (check-in time), the Hut shall be available at 12pm on the day of the reservation, for exit the check-out time shall be 12pm after the last night of the reservation.

Hut reservations/use shall be limited to 1 group/family unit (i.e., the hut reservation will be the entire hut to 1 single group).

Outhouses will be labeled “Enter at your own risk.”

Guests will sanitize hut/yurt, bathroom surfaces, and frequently touched areas (e.g., door knobs) before leaving. Supplies will be provided.

[Terms and Conditions](#) and [Hut Etiquette](#).

In the event that any member of the user’s party or SP receives a positive COVID test or experiences symptoms suggesting potential COVID infection within 3 days after their hut use, they shall notify MTTA via email immediately at mtta@skimtta.org and their trip leader or their work supervisor. (3g) MTTA will provide written notice within one business day to anyone at the worksite with the person who tested positive for COVID-19.

Have fun out there!

Guests are encouraged to abide to the following safety protocols:

- Frequently wash your hands with soap and warm water or use alcohol-based sanitizer. Products will be provided at the huts and work sites (3d.)
- Avoid touching your mouth, nose and eyes at all times.
- Cough or Sneeze into your elbow or a tissue, then throw away the tissue immediately. Then sanitize your hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a mask when around others who don’t live in your household, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.
- Stay home when you are sick. Stay away from people who are sick.
- At work, adhere to DNR agency PPE guidance and requirements (Wildfire Safety Plan).
- Frequently clean and disinfect high-touch and common surfaces.
- Follow social distancing (more than 6 feet) from other individuals.

Numbers in parentheses reference the DNR letter: *ATTACHMENT F*
Washington State Department of Natural Resources
South Puget Sound Region, Recreation Program, Elbe Unit
Conditions to Resume Contracted Volunteer Work
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(3a). Whenever feasible, only members of a single family group will travel in the same vehicle. At other times, masks will be worn.

(3b). Social distancing (>6') will be maintained at all times when reasonable. If not practical, masks will be worn and time together minimized.

(3c). Face masks will be worn when indoors and within 6' of another person. Groups of fully immunized folks may consider not wearing masks. Single layer bandannas are not approved.

(3d). Hand washing supplies will be available at all hut/yurt sinks. Hand sanitizer will be provided at work sites and outhouses.

(3e). Guests will sanitize surfaces and often touched items like door knobs, countertops, or stove when leaving a hut or yurt. Since COVID is transmitted by aerosolized droplets, tools and other shared objects need not be sanitized.

(3f). Indoor groups are at increased risk for transmission. If groups are not of a single "family group," social distancing and masks will be used.

(3g). Any guest or volunteer who develops COVID will notify MTTA and their supervisor as soon as possible.

(3h). Symptoms of COVID are listed above. All volunteers and guests agree to being symptom free.

(3i). At the beginning of all MTTA group activities, the supervisor will review safety procedures.