

Traveling Under COVID Guidelines

SKI TRIPS

With respect to travel in the near term, our guidance regarding COVID will follow direction and advice from the CDC. In addition, RSAC policy on “Mobility and Fitness to Travel” (contained in the trips brochure) provides some additional guidance that may be helpful to you. Most importantly, **it is ultimately the responsibility of each member to adhere to these guidelines at all times.** The Trip Leader is available to help facilitate implementation of the guidelines during the trip if COVID is suspected or confirmed.

We understand that COVID guidelines change. The Trip Leader will communicate with your resort point of contact or the Trip Provider (agent or agency) prior to departure to get current site-specific guidance regarding the COVID rules in place at the time of departure. Based on current guidance we offer the following advice that applies to both domestic and international destinations:

For domestic ski and Adventure trips we will attempt to identify testing locations near the resort that will be helpful to members if anyone exhibits symptoms and needs to be tested.

If a participant is showing symptoms and is in a condo/room with others, that person should get tested and self-quarantine until the test results are received, and that person and the roommate(s) should always wear a face covering while not in their room, to minimize the risk to others. We recommend that the roommate(s) be tested as well. Face masks are recommended when you are traveling with the group or are in a group setting.

If a participant tests positive while on the trip, the participant and others with whom the participant has been in close contact should not participate in group activities, and should self-quarantine for the appropriate time period per CDC guidelines. If necessary, the trip leader will work with the participant and tour operator to change the participant’s flight and post-trip accommodations to a date when it is safe for the participant to return home.

It is always important to purchase trip insurance. But it is even more important now to purchase a policy that will cover you in the event you test positive and require medical treatment, or if you are required to quarantine.

With respect to contact tracing, the Trip Leader will disclose to others in the group that the person is showing symptoms. Then, the other group members can think about whether they may have had a close conversation or dinner with that person, or sat near that person on the bus or plane, etc. and should get tested themselves.

Hopefully we will be in a much better situation as we begin our travels and we will look to rebook if the situation deteriorates to an unsafe status. I hope it makes you more comfortable that we and you are taking appropriate measures to stay safe and have plans if we get in a situation needing a measured response.