Outdoors for All

Essential Eligibility Criteria for COVID-19 & Safety Standards for Winter 2021 Programming

The health and safety of all individuals engaged in Outdoors for All activities is our highest priority. Following the Washington State Department of Health Guidelines and [Washington State’s Phased Approach to Reopening under the Safe Start](https://www.doh.wa.gov/COVID19/Reopening/) program, Outdoors for All is asking all participants, volunteers, staff, family members, and caregivers to follow the below Essential Eligibility Criteria while our community continues to face impacts from the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19.

Essential Eligibility Criteria (EEC): All individuals participating in Outdoors for All’s in-person programming must acknowledge and be capable of performing the following functions in order to protect themselves and others from risks of spreading the COVID-19. If an individual does not have the ability to perform, or is unwilling to follow the following EEC, Outdoors for All reserves the right to ask the individual to leave the program area and dismiss the individual from future participation in Outdoors for All programs.

**Phase 1, 2, 3**

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| All participants, volunteers, staff, family members, caregivers, etc. must | - be 7 years old or older  
- be able to maintain 6ft social distance  
- be able to wear a facial mask during program engagement (per the WA State Dept. of Health guidelines and CDC)  
- be [COVID-19 symptom](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html) free within the 14 days prior to participating in an Outdoors for All activity; complete daily health survey before entering Outdoors for All facility or program area (i.e. symptom chart, temperature, etc.)  
- confirm no contact with individual displaying COVID-19 symptoms within the last 14 days  
- be a returning Outdoors for All participant or volunteer (new participants & volunteers considered on case by case basis, with Program Director approval)  
- be capable of meeting on snow to begin lessons (limited use of indoor facilities to prepare for less)  
- be able to tolerate 2+ hours in outdoor environment with wintery conditions (limited use of indoor facilities for rest breaks; no lingering indoors)  
- be capable of transferring into/out of equipment independently or with the support of a party member  
- be capable of donning/doffing equipment independently or with the support of a party member (ex. ski boots, helmet, etc.)  
- be capable of loading and unloading a chair lift independently (*adaptive equipment assistance available if PPE worn*) |

**Safety**

- Use of personal protective equipment in common spaces, to avoid contact on high touch surfaces, and to limit the spread of germs.
- Mask required during program engagement
- Maintain 6’ social distance
- Instructors & participants may work within 6’ social distance of one another when safety protocols require (i.e. adaptive equipment, seizure harness, etc.)
- Maintain cleaning standards - frequent cleaning of high touch surfaces and hand washing
- Reduced access to indoor facilities (i.e. no lingering indoors, must be able to meet directly on snow, limited indoor access for rest breaks)
- No participant transportation during winter 2021 programming
- Maintain appropriate group sizes, dependent upon Washington State’s Phase Approach to Reopening
- If an individual involved with Outdoors for All programs tests positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of participating in activity, Outdoors for All respectfully asks that the individual notify the Outdoors for All Program Director or the program staff lead

**Cleaning**

- Frequent hand washing
- Frequent “deep cleaning” of facilities and equipment; using CDC approved cleaning agent to wipe down and/or spray high touch surfaces & equipment

*Phase 4: as Washington State, and more specifically, King County, move into Phase 4 of Washington State’s Phase Approach to Reopening, Outdoors for All will identify appropriate EEC for individuals to follow in order to be eligible to participate in in-person programming.*