

# How PNTA is Keeping Staff and Communities Safe During the COVID-19 Epidemic

Our trail crews are prepared to work safely on the Pacific Northwest Trail during the epidemic.

Our organization is taking the following steps to reduce the risk posed by the crisis to our trail crews and trail-side communities:

## We are monitoring our personnel for symptoms of respiratory infection.

For everyone's safety, we're asking staff to perform a comprehensive self-screening. Those with unmanaged seasonal allergies or any symptoms of COVID-19 will not be able to participate in our program.



## We are screening staff for conditions that may put them at higher risk.

Per CDC guidelines, we are asking staff with certain health conditions to stay home to reduce the risks of working and living in backcountry settings.

## We are taking steps to protect communities along the Pacific Northwest Trail.

This season, we have issued travel guidance to reduce the risk of unsafe contact between our crews and the communities that make the PNT so special.

## We are providing extra training about the virus and our health safety protocols.

Our crews have been trained to follow our strict health safety protocols for PPE, social distancing, hygiene and travel. Worksites will be selected to protect our staff and the public.



## We are providing staff with PPE and providing training on proper use.

Trail crews use PPE in the regular course of work. We're providing additional equipment and training to prevent the spread of the virus.

## We are training staff with new safety protocols to identify risks and minimize hazards.

Risk management training is at the core of our trails program and the safety of our crew is our top priority. We have updated our safety training to identify new risks that come with working during the epidemic.

## We are continuing our routine disinfecting procedures and are taking measures to protect our crews from COVID-19.

Training our crews with the backcountry living skills has always been part of our culture. We are taking new steps to protect our staff from infectious pathogens they may encounter in the field.



## We are prepared to quickly evacuate any crew member that develops symptoms of COVID-19.

Our crews have received the training they need to identify symptoms early and stand ready to perform an orderly emergency evacuation, in case of an accident.

## We are providing extra first-aid and cleaning materials to our trail crews.

Our field kits have been updated with pathogen PPE and gear needed to sterilize surfaces and protect our crew members from the spread of infectious diseases.

## We are encouraging staff to share all questions and concerns related to COVID-19.

Our backcountry trail crews are trained to work and learn together to ensure the safety of the entire crew. Every crew member has the power to call for a work stoppage until their concerns are fully addressed.

*We are staying up-to-date with the latest info from CDC's COVID-19 webpage and with guidance from local health authorities. Learn more at [www.pnt.org](http://www.pnt.org).*



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