



Information for 2020-21 Winter Outdoor Recreation Guidance and Stay at Home Order

Key Points:

- California ski resorts can remain open.
- The new California Outdoor Recreation guidance is implemented for the season, barring any changes. With the state's stay at home order, our resorts can continue to operate per the Governor's office.
- Ski California resorts are already implementing the guidance established by the State of California Department of Public Health released December 1, 2020 for campgrounds, RV parks, ski operators and other outdoor recreation.

Ski California statement:

"Skiing and riding are some of the lowest risk outdoor activities people can do during this pandemic. All of our resorts have been diligently working since March to ensure their operations can adhere to ever changing public health and safety requirements. We also know that based on what happened during the last statewide stay at home order, people will still come to the mountain communities where our resorts operate. Our resorts offer organized outdoor recreation rather than people congregating in closer proximity at sled hills and venturing into uncontrolled, unpatrolled backcountry areas, putting themselves and first responders in potentially dangerous, avalanche prone situations. We're doing our very best to enforce new rules and policies, but we need skiers and riders to follow them. Mask up, physically distance, and respect everyone. That's how we'll stay open all season." -- Michael Reitzell, Ski California president

Questions/Responses:

How will the stay at home order impact holiday business?

Like most industries, our resorts have been affected by the pandemic and the related restrictions, but we support and respect the decisions made to keep our communities safe. Resorts are likely to see a significant decrease in typical holiday business as it's normally one of the busiest times of the year. Our resorts, however, were already planning on a slower holiday period based upon their own policies to manage visitation consistent with the State's Outdoor Recreation guidance. Our goals this year are to stay safe and stay open, keep our employees working, and for skiers and riders to enjoy our organized outdoor recreation.

How are restaurants and lodging properties at the ski resorts impacted by the state's stay at home orders?

Restaurants are permitted to remain open for takeout only. Our resorts' restaurants will follow those rules as well. Lodging properties are only permitted to accept guests for essential travel and critical infrastructure.

How are indoor spaces at ski resorts being managed when stay at home orders are in effect?

Ski California resorts have adjusted their operating plans to accommodate for physical distancing requirements in indoor spaces. Indoor spaces will follow all guidance offered by the regional stay at home order. Restaurants will be takeout only. Retail will be limited to 20% capacity.

Are people who live in different households able to ride a chairlift together?

Ski California resorts encourage people who live together to ride together, and will not make people ride with someone they do not know. According to the state guidance, people who don't live together may ride a chairlift together as long as there is at least one empty seat between them.

Can people travel when stay at home orders are in effect?

The stay at home orders expressly permits and even encourages Californians to engage in outdoor recreation, and state guidance includes support for driving 2-3 hours for participation in outdoor recreation. Based on what we observed during the last statewide stay at home order, we know people will still come to the mountain communities where our resorts operate. We are well-situated to offer organized outdoor recreation with extensive Covid-mitigation protocols in place to locals and those who wish to travel short durations and head home when they are finished recreating in the outdoors.

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