

Covid-19 Hut Use Protocols

Thank you or your interest in a backcountry hut trip with Sun Valley Mountain Huts (SVMH). In acknowledgement of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have updated our Hut Use Protocols. It is through our combined efforts that we can safely provide access to this unique resource and enjoy the beauty of a backcountry hut. Hand-washing, sanitizing, and social distancing will be paramount in maintaining a health-promoting environment at the huts. Please take these responsibilities seriously and practice diligence in performing the basic duties outlined below. Thank You for being a responsible member of our backcountry community!

Hut Renter Responsibilities

- All rentals of huts are private groups- huts will not be shared by different groups of individuals.
- All private groups should self-screen members to ensure no individual has known infections or sickness. We recommend every group member take the [self-check test on the CDC website](#). Any individual (s) with known symptoms or infection should not use the hut facilities. If symptoms develop while on a hut trip, the individual should leave the trip and notify SVMH immediately.
- Groups are responsible for maintaining adequate social distancing protocols while staying at hut. "Adequate Social Distancing" is dependent on who individuals are: their previous exposure and underlying health issues or risk of contracting Covid-19. [Follow CDC recommendations](#)
- Groups are responsible to wash hands frequently using soap and water. Hand washing stations are provided at each hut.
- Groups are responsible to follow [Hut Departure Checklist](#) duties which include (but are not limited to):
 - Washing all dishes with 3 bin method: Bin 1=Hot Soapy Water, Bin 2= Hot Rinse Water, Bin 3= Cold Rinse Water with capful of Bleach. This will ensure that all food/eating utensils, pots/pans and plate-ware have been adequately cleaned and sanitized for next use.
 - Spraying all surfaces (including counters, tables, benches, door knobs/handles, stove tops, mattresses and toilet seats) with Hydrogen Peroxide Spray. This will sanitize surfaces and kill viruses.
- For additional insurance, we recommend that you spray common surfaces and rinse all food prep items in a dish bin of cold bleach water upon arrival at the hut and allow to drip dry before use. This requires only a dip in the bleach water to kill any potential virus.

Sun Valley Mountain Huts Responsibilities

- Provide adequate sanitation products at each hut for use by rental groups. This includes: Bleach, Hydrogen Peroxide Spray, Soap, access to water, Paper Towels and other cleaning supplies.
- Provide instructions for how to adequately clean and sanitize the hut.
- Provide guidelines for hut use, and support rental groups with answering any questions and clarifying any protocols or expectations.
- Provide additional sanitation efforts if a known or suspected carrier of Covid-19 Virus uses the hut or if rental party requests additional service pre or post trip (\$300 fee).
- Ensure any staff visiting a hut is not a known carrier of the Covid-19 Virus or has any symptoms.

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