

Eastern Division - COVID19 Training Guidelines

Spring 2022 Update #5

The CDC has (recently) once again revised their guidelines and now are advising that fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask when indoors in public settings. *See this link for more information:* <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019ncov/variants/deltavariant.html>

The following proposal updates the position taken by the BOD in August 2021 in regard to all Division and Regional training/testing events.

Vaccination and Program Administration for NSP Eastern Division Training Events

The Eastern Division ***Strongly Recommends Vaccination*** of all patrollers and participants, (which includes the booster). Region and Division events are recommended to be outdoors as appropriate for the training, weather and season. In addition, **all CDC, state and local guidelines should be followed** as well as any parameters set forth by the hosting venue (mountain, park, fire house, church, etc.). BSI, Be prepared, Be alert, Be clean - these all still apply!

Division and Region events should be conducted in a manner that promotes safety for all participants. Registration is required as usual.

- Include **registration** for all attendees (**required**). Be sure the registration list from the course is downloaded so there is an accessible record of attendees
- **Event administrators (IT/IOR/Program Admin and venue management) can establish additional attendance guidelines/requirements.**
- Ensure IOR **confirms that all personnel** (IT's, Instructors/Evaluators, patients, etc.) **are approved by mountain management (or venue)** in the early planning stages of the event.
- Provide training for new candidates and patrollers with questions on proper PPE, hand washing, cleaning and disinfecting, and review the COVID19 questions.
- Provide appropriate masks for PPE at OEC events
- Have garbage bags set up for refuse as needed
- Have additional supplies on hand – Surgical masks, gloves, face shields, hand sanitizer.

- Clean and disinfect surfaces and equipment as appropriate – pre and post event. (tables, working materials, etc – not necessarily sleds, or lift evac equipment unless suspected contamination)

There are no longer restrictions on indoor events. Social distancing guidelines must comply with CDC, state and local guidance. OEC close quarters events should utilize masks, similar to standard patrolling procedures.

Outdoor Events - Masks are not required. Masks should be used while engaging in OEC practical skills.

Please continue to complete a Health self-assessment. If you are feeling ill, please stay home.

Nothing in the above proposal shall negate or otherwise relieve the RD and IOR of the responsibility to conduct any event in accordance with CDC, state and local guidelines.

Please utilize the “NSP Event/Training Release Forms” found on www.NSPeast.org under the resources, forms/documents tab.

Upon adoption of this proposal, the COOPED-UP Task Force will be charged with updating the Division guidance documents to include changes made in this proposal.

These guidelines will be revisited as necessary, and the National Ski Patrol, Eastern Division, Board of Directors reserves the right to update and change this document at any time.

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