

# OSAT Code of Conduct - COVID-19 Addendum

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The following is in addition to the [OSAT Code of Conduct](#), and will be in effect until further notice.

Due to the evolving COVID-19 situation, OSAT has re-implemented and updated the [guidelines for our activities during the COVID-19 pandemic](#) emergency. These are in addition to guidelines previously developed by the club and documented on our web site as [Trip Leader Expectations](#) and [Activities Participant Expectations](#). All participants and leaders are expected to have reviewed the most current guidance at the time of the trip. This guidance is subject to change as the guidelines set forth by state and local government officials and public health departments continue to evolve.

Additionally, when registering for or posting an activity, and again on the day-of the activity, each participant or leader should answer "no" to the following questions.

1. Do you currently have any [symptoms of COVID-19 as outlined by the CDC](#), or have you had symptoms in the past 14 days?
2. According to the CDC, do you have [any reason you should quarantine?](#)

Participants or leaders who answer "yes" to either question may not participate in or run an in-person OSAT activity.

Leaders are expected to model the referenced guidance.

Leaders are expected to send participants home if they:

- Do not have a face mask
- Do not have adequate personal gear for the activity
- Are refusing to comply with referenced guidance.

Leaders are also expected to structure activities in a way that supports the guidance, including:

- Building in time for sanitation and personal hygiene
- Managing space for physical distancing and assuring use of face masks.
- Stopping the activity if the situation prevents adherence to the guidance or if a participant develops Covid-19 symptoms during the activity.

**By posting, registering for, or attending an OSAT activity, an individual indicates the following:**

I have read and accept both the OSAT Code of Conduct and this Code of Conduct COVID-19 Addendum.

I understand that no organization can absolutely eliminate the risks associated with COVID-19 and other infectious diseases. All individuals must take full responsibility for their actions and choices, understanding that during this time, outdoor activities come with heightened complexity and risk.

I understand the situation and guidance are evolving and will continue to change. I agree to review guidelines in effect at the time of the activity for the appropriate region.

I agree to adhere to referenced guidelines for participation during COVID-19 and I accept the additional risk of group recreation during a global pandemic.

I agree to be honest about my vaccination status, and to provide proof of vaccination if requested as a condition for participation.

I agree to remove myself from any OSAT activity if I develop symptoms or learn that I have a reason to be quarantined.

OSAT has adopted this Code of Conduct COVID-19 Addendum with the best interest of our community in mind. We are committed to following state guidelines to recreate responsibly and slow the spread of the virus. Violation of the Code of Conduct and this Addendum is a serious offense and will be handled as an Ethics Incident. If you believe someone has violated the Code of Conduct or any aspect of this addendum, please refer to the [OSAT Ethics Committee](#) web page for how to report.