

### **COVID-19 PROTOCOL INFO**

At a recent EPSC meeting, there was a discussion about safety precautions being taken by ski resorts. Here is a summary of the presentation:

- Ski resorts are taking the virus seriously; they will enforce their precautions
- Only go if you are comfortable with the precautions the resorts have taken and you are willing to accept risk
- masks will be required at all times- in lines, on the slopes, indoors, and on lifts and gondolas
- social distancing will be required at all times
- capacities in enclosed areas- lodges, gondolas, rental shops- will be limited, possibly to 50%
- capacities on chair lifts will be limited (a 4 or 6 person chair may be limited to 2 people)
- lift tickets may not be available at ticket windows; you'll need to purchase on-line (this applies to individually-planned trips, not to groups with advance reservations)
- some resorts will require reservations before arrival
- rentals and lessons will require advance reservations.
- if you are planning a trip to Vermont, you may have to quarantine first (go to [www.accd.vermont.gov/covid-19](http://www.accd.vermont.gov/covid-19) )
- if you are an Epic or Ikon passholder, go to [www.ski.com/blog/ikon-vs-epic-covid-19-guidelines-and-reservations](http://www.ski.com/blog/ikon-vs-epic-covid-19-guidelines-and-reservations) )
- for Blue Mountain, go to [www.skibluemt.com/safety-precautions/](http://www.skibluemt.com/safety-precautions/)
- cafeterias/restaurants will have limited capacity if they are open at all; it might be "grab-and-go"; plan on brown-bagging it.
- Have Patience. Expect this ski season to be like no other (and hope for a "one-and-done")