

Brighton Volunteer Patrol 2020/2021 COVID-19 Guidelines

The following guidelines are intended to limit the number of patrollers exposed to COVID-19, if one of our fellow patrollers tests positive. A COVID-19 outbreak among patrol could potentially shut down the resort during the week, due to the small number of weekday patrollers.

We believe the greatest potential for contracting COVID-19 this year will not be from our patients but other patrollers. The guidelines are to help patrol members to maintain social distancing during the day. The guidelines will not take the place of using good, common sense on your part to maintain social distancing.

Every patroller needs to be respectful of your fellow patrollers' concerns with COVID-19, this year. If you are not comfortable with the precautions a fellow patroller is following, you need to discuss it with them. If you are approached with concerns, take time to listen and work out a plan that is acceptable to everyone.

If you are scheduled to patrol and not feeling well, stay at home. Let the volunteer director of the day know you will not make it.

The guidelines will be adjusted and refined throughout the year, as needed.

Double Shifts

Double shifts are not encouraged this year. Our plan to maintain social distancing will result in patrollers being outside and on the hill and not in top shacks.

Car Pooling/Mass Transit/Shuttle

Patrollers not living in the same home should not be carpooling. Patrollers should not use mass transit.

Notes on UTA and parking lot shuttle if they run this year.

Hand Hygiene

Practice good hand hygiene (wash or hand sanitizer) this year. This includes washing your hands, or using hand sanitizer, before and after patient care and upon entering any enclosed space: locker room, aid room, top shack, any Brighton building.

Eye Protection

Remember to use eye protection when working on all patients this year. Goggles are great on the hill but you may want to invest in safety glasses, with side protection, for indoor situations.

Locker Room

Masks, which cover your nose and mouth, must be on anytime you are in the locker room, even if you are the only one present. Practice social distancing while you are in the locker room. Be respectful of other patrollers who need to use the locker room, when there are multiple patrollers already in the locker room.

No family or guests will be allowed in the locker rooms this year.

Patrollers should enter the locker rooms through the side doors or back door, not through the aid room.

Patrollers, who are not scheduled to patrol and want to free ski, should arrive after 0845 on Saturdays and Sundays and should be out of the locker rooms before the patrol gets down from evening sweeps. Off duty patrollers should also limit their time in the locker rooms during the lunch hours.

We are asking everyone to keep their packs in the locker room this year. This will limit the number of patrollers entering the top shacks during the day. This may create additional congestion in the locker rooms, so please be as quick as possible when you need to access your pack.

Patrollers will be allowed to eat lunch in the locker rooms but need to maintain social distancing and disinfect the area when they are finished.

Morning Setup

The Volunteer leader will disinfect the door knobs, light switches, microwave, computer keyboards and radios in the locker room and aid room before patrol arrives each morning.

The Volunteer leader will log all patrollers in and make hill assignments. The team leader from each hill will receive the hill roster when they check in.

We realize that not being able to choose your hill will be a sacrifice for everyone this year.

Morning Check In

The Saturday and Sunday slots will include a locker room check-in time. Patrollers will be given 10 minutes to boot up and get their equipment before the next group arrives. Our goal is to have the times adjusted so that you do not have to wait for the lift to start running after you are booted up. The time slots will be from 0750 to 0830 and will include 5-6 patrollers.

Patrollers will report to the back locker room door, by the furnace room, to check in. The volunteer leader of the day will perform a temperature check and COVID questionnaire. The volunteer leader will let the patroller know their hill assignment and assign a radio. Patrollers will not touch the keyboard or select a radio on their own. Back locker room patrollers can then go to their locker room and front locker room patrollers will leave through the back door, walk around the building and enter through the side door.

Patrollers will boot up, collect their skis and leave the locker room for their hill.

Swing Shift Check-in

The volunteer leader will log in the swing shift, assign radios, and place the radios on the bench outside the radio room before 1400.

Swing shift patrollers will first report to the aid room for a temperature check and COVID questionnaire. They will then enter the back locker room using the side door and find their assigned radio on the checkout log. They will then boot up and report to Crest Top.

Night Skiing Check-in

Night patrollers will need to check themselves in and pick up a radio. Since no one will be disinfecting during the week, gloves should be worn while touching any common areas and the radio should be disinfected before use.

How will the temperature check and COVID questionnaire be done for night skiing?

Patrollers should be patrolling and not sitting in the top shack. Night skiing poses a potential for infecting multiple members of the paid patrol, who usually work doubles, and will probably want to spend time in the top shack.

Morning Meetings

There will not be any morning meetings. The paid patroller on each hill will deliver notes and avalanche conditions or the volunteer team lead will text the notes and avalanche conditions to patrollers.

Top Shacks/Patrolling

Patrollers need to social distance during the day. In the top shack, patrollers must wear masks covering nose and mouth and maintain social distancing, since the top shacks are poorly ventilated, enclosed spaces. Eating in the top shacks will not be allowed this year.

Please keep the number of patrollers in the top shacks to a minimum. Patrollers will check at the top on every run to see if the patroller sitting top needs a break.

Some of our patrol will not be comfortable in top shacks with other patrollers, even with masks covering nose and mouth and social distancing. Any patroller entering a top shack will take over the top shack duties, if the patroller currently sitting top, is uncomfortable staying.

Aid Room

This year, patrollers will enter the aid room only if required for patient treatment. Hill patrollers will be taking patients directly to their car. If the patient requires the aid room or clinic, the hill patroller will turn the patient over to the aid room patroller. We want to limit patrollers entering and exiting the aid room.

We will have a patroller in the aid room on Saturdays and Sundays who will greet any walk-ins and perform a temperature check and COVID questionnaire. Two patrollers will split aid room coverage with an AM and PM shift.

The aid room patroller will also supply the temperature check and COVID questionnaire to the Saturday swing shift.

Replacement Supplies

We want to limit the number of patrollers passing through the aid room, this year. Common supplies such as gloves and cravats will be kept in the top shacks or picked up from the aid room patroller at the screening window.

This is the initial plan subject to change.

Boot Removal

As each hill is down and clear, the patrollers will remove their boots in the locker room and gather outside the front of the aid room with masks covering nose and mouth, until day sweeps are down and clear. In the cases where multiple hills arrive at the locker room at once, practice social distancing and quickly remove your boots and gather your equipment, so others can do the same.

Hill Operations

Max has asked for more additional flex patrollers this year. Our plans are to have the following assignments for this year:

- Flex – 4 patrollers, which includes the volunteer leader
- Western – 3 patrollers
- Snake – 3 patrollers
- Crest – 7 patrollers
- Milly – 3 patrollers