



Ski Patrol Challenges in the Age of COVID

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“Patrol... is under the supervision and control of the ski area management and must abide by the policies and procedures established at that ski area’s management. It is specifically agreed and understood that NSP does not control the patrol activities of patrollers while they are patrolling at their respective ski areas.”

NSP TRAININGS

OEC refreshers: minimum requirement of online module + workbook

CPR requirements: skills demonstration not required this year

Program-specific guidelines:

- OEC
- Mountain, Travel & Rescue

EMTs and paramedics: Modified Challenge Course → OEC technician

BUSINESS IMMUNITY & COVID CLAIMS

- Congress unlikely to adopt federal legislation protecting businesses from COVID claims
- State by State adoption: Some states adopting business immunity (Utah, Idaho, Nevada, North Carolina, Tennessee, others will adopt legislation in next few months)
- 30 + states have adopted legal protections for “health care providers” but does this extend to ski patrol? depends on wording in statute

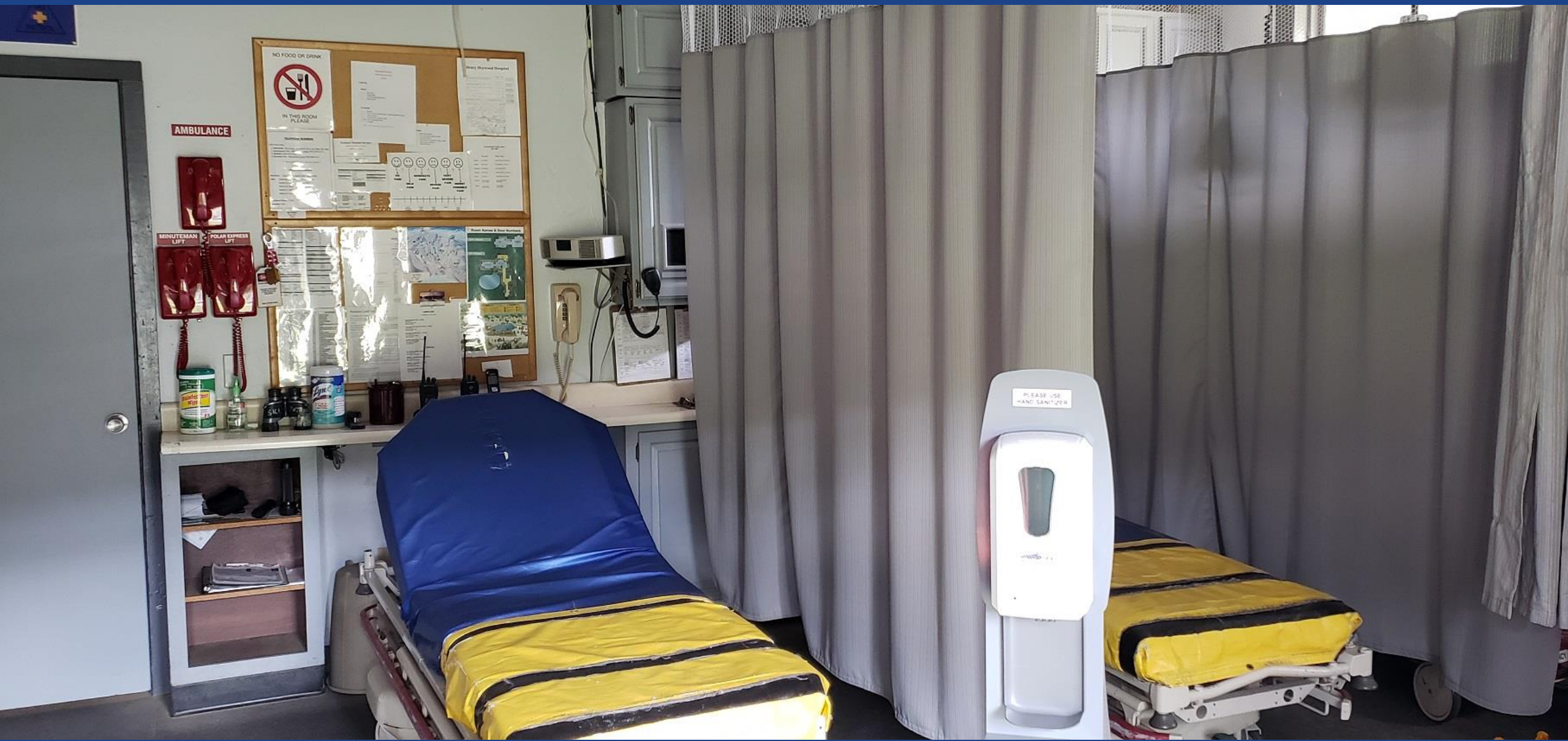
FACE COVERINGS



AID ROOMS

- Limiting patrollers inside clinics, first aid rooms
- Providing outdoor benches for guests as they await access to clinic / first aid, and posting signage with phone number to call about coming into clinic / first aid
- Posting signs about no COVID treatment, direct them to local clinics, hospitals
- Waivers / Releases— click-boxes, signage, guest must acknowledge requirement to wear a mask
- Fogging/disinfecting aid rooms nightly





NEED FIRST AID?

When Chair Lift is
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218-865-8019



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COMMUNICATION

Local communications: weekly emails to staff

Website updates and information for guests

NSP Division-level responses:

- Eastern Division: COOPED (Continuity of Operations, Eastern Division)-UP Task Force
- Central Division

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

Backcountry skiing / gates

Uphill travel

Search & rescue

Mid-week skiing

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