

PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH

COVID-19 Update: 5/1/2021



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Philmont Scout Ranch is pleased to announce that the state of New Mexico is in support of our operations and programming for this summer, within the New Mexico Public Health Order, the REOPEN NEW MEXICO COVID-SAFE PRACTICES: Overnight Youth Camps, and the CDC Guidance for Operating Youth and Summer Camps. This is exciting news, but also brings with it the highest degree of responsibility for each individual setting foot on the property. There is a possibility for serious consequences if our mitigation efforts fail to prevent significant spread. Consequences to both the health of those affected and in the summer operations of Philmont. To be clear, an event leading to significant spread, or multiple smaller events, could result in forced shutdown of our operations, for a short period of time, or the entire summer.

Philmont Scout Ranch and the Boy Scouts of America strongly recommends everyone eligible, be vaccinated for COVID-19 upon consultation and the recommendation of your health care provider. To ensure that anyone who is positive and contagious for the COVID-19 virus stays at home and that they do not have close contact with other cohort (crew) members during travel, we are requiring either a copy of a vaccination card completed 14 days or more prior to arrival at Philmont OR documented proof of a negative test within 3-5 days, but no more than 7 days upon arrival. While this does not guarantee that participants will not contract COVID-19 during travel, it does help crew leaders keep positive cases out of the cohort before travel and gives individual participants an added layer of protection and confidence as they isolate and use travel safe practices before arriving at Philmont. An FAQ document will be posted as part of our next update for additional details about testing and documentation.

In collaboration with the State of New Mexico, Philmont Scout Ranch will conduct required periodic surveillance testing of both staff and crews.

We are updating our mitigation plans to reflect all the new requirements and protocols from the state and the CDC. A more detailed email will be sent to all crew advisors next week outlining our plans and expectations for pre travel screening, safe travel practice, and the importance of staying in your cohort, while traveling and upon arrival. Philmont Scout Ranch will operate this summer, but must do so within these required protocols, so please bring your patience and understanding, particularly in base camp, as we provide a safe and healthy environment for our valued participants and staff.

We know that the collaboration between Philmont Scout Ranch, the State of New Mexico and most importantly, the efforts of our participants, will create the strongest environment for a safe and healthy summer.

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Philmont is continuing to uphold strong safety measures to prevent the spread of communicable diseases such as COVID-19. We thank you for your due diligence as we strive to keep all of our participants and staff safe this summer. The following measures are currently in place.

COVID-19 testing prior to arrival: **Required**

All participants arriving on 6/6/2021 and later will be required to provide proof upon screening. Vaccination for COVID-19 will be accepted in lieu of negative test.

(See Philmont COVID-19 Testing Requirements for more specifics)

Operating Status of Colfax County: **Turquoise**

Link to state of New Mexico Department of Health:

<https://cv.nmhealth.org/public-health-orders-and-executive-orders/red-to-green/>

Breakdown of primary precautions:

Requirement	Status	Details
Masks	Required	Multi-layered, tight fitting, reusable, covers nose & mouth
Distancing and Cohorts	Required	6' physical distancing from those outside cohort groups
Arrival Screening	Required	Screening questionnaire & temperature check upon arrival
Pre-Arrival Testing	Required	Negative PCR or antigen test results not more than 7 days old upon arrival
Pre-Travel Screening and Quarantine	Required	Crew itineraries tracked & follow up communication sent
Contact Tracing	Active	Pre-travel symptoms checklist, self-quarantine prior to travel

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