

OSC Lodge Status Update – June 2020

The OSC Lodge in Vermont continues to be closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic until further notice. If you live in New York State or New England, Vermont guidelines allow entry into the state without quarantine requirements if your county of residence has an active COVID-19 caseload no greater than that of the State of Vermont (<400 active cases per million residents). In New York State and New England, some counties meet that criterion and some do not. If you are coming from a county that does not meet the non-quarantine requirements or do not live in New York State or New England, you must self-quarantine in your home area for 14 days prior to entering the state or 7 days with a negative COVID-19 test. Everyone must also complete a health questionnaire and sign up for SARA Alert, a daily text message app from the State of Vermont Health Dept. These guidelines may change, so check current guidelines before considering travel to Vermont.

Other requirements also must be satisfied to allow the lodge re-opening.

- Stringent deep cleaning according to CDC guidelines need to be met prior to occupancy, during occupancy, and post occupancy.
- Although we do not have a large occupancy capacity, ours is 24, we are still required to only allow up to 50% of lodge capacity at any one time.
- Additionally, social distancing rules become an issue with a shared kitchen, dining room and bathrooms.

The committee will compile a comprehensive set of policies and procedures to be followed that meet or exceed the Vermont state mandates; including any required forms that would need to be signed and collected to be in state compliance.

Although we are anxious to return to the lodge, our OSC club members' safety is our top priority as well as meeting Vermont state requirements. Looking forward to fun and relaxation at the lodge only when it is safe and feasible to do so.

The Lodge Committee will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation, Vermont regulations and requirements.

For further information on traveling to Vermont and the current status of restrictions, go here:

<https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/business/stay-home-stay-safe-sector-specific-guidance#lodging-accommodations>

CDC Guidance on Reopening: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/reopen-guidance.html>