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Appendix F: Downhill Skiing Operations- Arapahoe Basin Re-Opening COVID-19 Guidance **Stabilization Phase, Stage II**

Summit County COVID-19 Suppression Plan:

It should be understood these guidelines are part of a local public health COVID-19 Suppression Plan that is designed to protect public health in part by being responsive to current, local COVID-19 conditions and local health care capabilities. Accordingly, these guidelines anticipate the potential for the Summit County Public Health (SCPH) Director to decrease or increase elements of these public health requirements, such as maximum number of participants, based on changing conditions and evidence.

Purpose

To increase business interaction and opportunity for the local recreation, while protecting the health and safety of the public on May 27, 2020.

Protective Measures

Arapahoe Basin Ski Area is required to demonstrate compliance with the local public health orders and the Summit County Public Health Suppression Plan, including this Appendix C prior to opening to downhill skiing customers.

Business Physical Distancing Protocol

Physical Distancing Protocol for the ski area is to be completed and posted and available to all guests and staff. Protocols required within the Physical Distancing Protocol will be ensured within the facility. Total customer capacity is to be capped at 600 persons.

Specific Protocols Arapahoe Basin Ski Area will Implement

Arapahoe Basin Ski Area has committed to a responsible reopening that aligns with Federal, State, and County direction. As both a major employer and recreational opportunity in Summit County, Arapahoe Basin and Summit County Government believe it is critical to begin the process of reopening the County's economy ahead of the summer tourist season. This plan is one of the first steps in this process and will allow us to responsibly explore a model that might fit other tourism-focused businesses as they launch into their own reopening. These guidelines will be reevaluated as risk levels, health department and CDC recommendations and travel industry recommendations evolve.

Reservations and Ticketing

- Upon reopening, Arapahoe Basin will limit the number of guests to a maximum of 600 per day and may adjust the number lower if need be based on business volume and ability to maintain physical distancing requirements. Calculations were done based on a worst-case scenario of all 600 persons being in the base area at one time and evenly spread out on the mountain:
 - Base Area - This resulted in a density of 1 person per 125 sq. ft./ person. This is very unlikely as customers desire to spread out on the mountain and will arrive/depart at various times during the day. It is useful to demonstrate the ability to maintain 6-feet of physical distance between customers.
 - Ski Area - By closing date, terrain will be reduced to a few runs. At that time, it is estimated that 5,000,000 sq. ft. will be available which results in 8,477 sq. ft. per person.
- 5% of daily attendance will be allotted for advanced purchase of day tickets.
- 95% of daily maximum will be reserved for IKON, Mountain Collective, and Arapahoe Basin Season Pass holders. Advanced online reservations will be required to ensure adherence to daily limits.
- All guests with a reservation will be issued a paper ticket to eliminate the need for scanning at the lifts.
- All guests will be required to read and acknowledge the Arapahoe Basin COVID-19 policies and procedures.

Base Area Services

- Arapahoe Basin will manage parking to limit the number of visitors. Parked cars will be spaced to encourage proper physical distancing.
- No shuttle services will be available.
- Guest Services/Ticketing will only be available through office windows.
- There will be no snow sports instruction or rental/tune shop services.
- Food and beverage and retail operations may operate following applicable Public Health Orders and sector guidance.
- Alcohol-based sanitizer (>60%) will be available for guests and employees at convenient locations to ensure proper hand hygiene measures.
- The ski area will adopt enhanced sanitation procedures designed to combat the transmission of COVID-19 for restrooms, door handles, counter tops, tables, chairs, benches and other high touch surfaces.
- Staff will be positioned throughout the ski area to help monitor and encourage physical distancing protocols and to discourage large group congregation. This will especially be important to catch early in the parking area as groups tend to gather there.

- Signage will be prominently displayed in base area locations to reinforce sick person exclusion, physical distancing requirements, wearing of face covers, proper sanitary practices, no group gatherings and other risk reduction measures.

On-Hill Operational Guidance

- Lift Operations will construct lift mazes to ensure physical distancing protocols including markings to ensure at least 6' distance in all directions. There will be no scanning of tickets at the lifts after initial check-in. Families or cohorts that arrived to the ski area together will be allowed to ride the chairlift together, while others will ride separately.
- Ski Patrol Services will be available for emergency operations and encouraging customers to please ski and ride responsibly.
- Uphill Access will be closed during operational hours.

Steps for Guests

- Guests will be required to wear non-medical face coverings per Summit County Public Health Order.
- Guests will stay home if ill and leave immediately if they begin to show signs/symptoms of illness. If guests become sick within 10 days of visiting Arapahoe Basin, Ski Area Management requests to be notified to assist with the tracing process.

Steps for Employees

- Mandatory training on all State Executive Orders, Summit County Public Health Orders, and the Arapahoe Basin COVID-19 Pandemic Response Plan.
- Mandatory adherence to all procedures, including daily self-screening, physical distancing measures, PPE requirements, personal hygiene best practices, and company cleaning and disinfection procedures.
- Employees will be required to wear non-medical face coverings per Summit County Public Health Order.

Copper Mountain Ski Area- There is a possibility that Copper Mountain Ski Area may want to open for downhill skiing as well. This opening would not be for public use but for ski race organizations for training based skiing. Numbers of skiers will be significantly less. This variance request specifically outlines protocols Arapahoe Basin Ski Area would need to follow. If Copper Mountain decides they want to allow this very limited non-public downhill ski access they would need to submit a plan similar to what Arapahoe Basin has to demonstrate compliance with the Public Health Orders and goals of minimizing COVID-19 transmission. Otherwise, their limited downhill skiing operations are considered to be approved under this request as well.