

# **LAAF Travels**

## **COVID-19 Response**

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We can't wait to hit the trails with you and we want to do so safely! The health and safety of you, our LAAF crew and the local communities we come in contact with are our highest priority.

We'll be evaluating each trip to ensure we're in compliance with federal, state and local guidelines regarding COVID-19, and we'll make adjustments as need be. Any changes we make to our backpacking trips will be communicated to LAAF Travels participants ASAP.

Read below for our COVID-19 cancellation policy, as well as the current safety measures we'll be taking on all our LAAF Travels trips.

### **Cancellation Policy**

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, we're allowing all LAAF participants to cancel their trip at any time due to health concerns over COVID-19. There will be no financial penalty for cancellations due to COVID-19. If you cancel, you'll receive a full refund.\*

We require written documentation stating you'd like to cancel your trip due to concerns about COVID-19.

### **Health & Safety Measures**

We require all LAAF Travels participants and guides to conduct regular self-assessments two weeks prior to the trip. We ask that you go through the CDC's self-checklist to monitor any symptoms or exposure to the coronavirus. If you have knowingly been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or have one or more symptoms of the coronavirus within the two week period leading up to your trip start date, you must let us know (as outlined in our Terms & Conditions) and we will refund or reschedule your trip.

See the CDC's self-checklist [here](#).

Each trip will have hand sanitizer available to all LAAF Travels participants and guides.

### **Group Size**

Even during normal times, we like to keep our group sizes small so we can get to know each other.

Just how small our group sizes will be this summer will depend on Washington state and federal guidelines regarding coronavirus safety measures and appropriate group sizes in the outdoors. Our trips will likely have between 4 to 8 participants (including your guides).

### **Sharing Tents**

Sharing a tent is a great way to get to know your fellow companions and it reduces your footprint in the backcountry. However, due to coronavirus safety measures and Washington state guidelines, we're only allowing one person per tent at this time. Participants must bring their own tents. The only exception to sharing a tent with someone is if you live in the same household. In this case, please contact us ahead of time so we can make arrangements.

In non-COVID-19 times, we require all LAAF Travels participants to share a tent. If Washington state's coronavirus recovery plan changes and we can allow for tent sharing, you will be paired with a tent mate. In this case, LAAF Travels will provide the two-person tents. If this happens and you've already booked a trip with us, we'll contact you about these changes as soon as possible before the trip departure.

Any tents provided by LAAF Travels will be cleaned and disinfected between uses.

### **Preparing Your Meals**

Part of our adventures entail sharing meals that your LAAF Leaders cook for you. This is done with proper food safety measures, including additional food handling measures with COVID-19 in mind.

We prepare all meals while wearing gloves and masks. We serve everyone individually (versus going "buffet style") to limit the possibility of spreading disease.

### **Social Distancing**

LAAF Travels does not provide any transportation to or from the trailhead. Any carpooling is done at the discretion of each LAAF Travels participant.

While at the trailhead, on the trail and around the campsite, LAAF Travels participants are required to maintain a social distance of at least six feet whenever possible while wearing face coverings.

### **Face Coverings**

Based on current Washington state guidelines, masks are required throughout the trip. They must cover your nose and mouth.

Please check the [CDC website](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/masks/index.html) for guidelines on selecting an appropriate mask and how masks should be worn. Make sure that you have one that is comfortable to wear throughout your LAAF Travels trip.

Face masks may be removed to drink liquids, eat meals and during strenuous exercise if physical distancing is possible.

### **Contact Tracing**

In the case that a LAAF Travels participant contracts COVID-19 shortly after a trip, we will immediately notify all trip participants without disclosing the person's identity.

\*As per our Terms and Conditions, LAAF Travels is not responsible for any credit card fees. In the case a refund is granted, credit card fees will be refunded by our third party booking platform.

***LAAF Travels reserves the right to make adjustments at any time to this document as new guidelines and research emerge.***