



Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to be spread mainly by person-to-person contact or through the air among persons in close proximity. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and wearing masks, and have, in many locations, prohibited or restricted the congregation of groups of people. The Blowing Rock Conference Center (“BRCC”) has put in place preventative measures summarized on the attached Exhibit “A” in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19. **In the interests of promoting and protective the health of myself, my family, and other BRCC participants, I agree to comply with all COVID 19 preventative protocols established by BRCC.** _____ Guest’s Initials (parent or guardian’s if guest is under 18 years old)

I recognize; however, that even if BRCC and my family follow all COVID 19 preventative protocols, BRCC cannot guarantee my child(ren) and/or I against potential infection with COVID-19. I further acknowledge that attending the Blowing Rock Conference Center could increase my risk and my child(ren)’s risk of contracting COVID-19. By signing this agreement, **I acknowledge the highly-contagious nature of COVID-19 and knowingly and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) and/or I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending the BRCC and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and/or death.**

_____ Guest’s Initials Initials (parent or guardian’s if guest is under 18 years old)

I understand that there is an inherent risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the BRCC even if BRCC and my family comply with all COVID prevention protocols as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and by the State of North Carolina. **I acknowledge the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to, or of illness of, my child(ren) or myself from COVID 19 infection that my child(ren) and/or I may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)’s and/or my attendance at the BRCC.** Guest’s Initials _____ Initials (parent or guardian’s if guest is under 18 years old)

Signature

Date

As of right now we are able to operate at 50% capacity. The impact of this on our lodging options is as follows:

To stay in compliance with the CDC, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, the North Carolina Governor's office, and the Watauga County Health Department we have made the following changes to our operational procedures.

1. All staff will undergo a health screening before their shift.
2. Guests will be asked to wear masks when social distancing cannot be achieved. This will mainly affect the lodge area.
3. To accommodate social distancing guidelines, we will limit the number of chairs available in the common areas.
4. For individual check-ins, the BRCC administrative staff will now be masked, and will immediately sanitize surfaces once the individual has been given their keys.
5. When receiving payments, the BRCC administrative staff will be masked, and will immediately sanitize surfaces/objects associated with payment.
6. When groups arrive, they normally have their entire group come to the lobby to get their keys, use the bathroom etc. We will now ask our group leaders to only allow their participants out of vehicles when they are ready to go to their quarters or meeting space.
7. Group leaders will be provided with a disclaimer stating what the BRCC is doing to minimize the risk of an outbreak of Covid-19, and that they and their participants understand that they are coming at their own risk. We will require the group leader to sign the disclaimer, and have each individual or guardian sign it as well. Insurance companies do not cover outbreaks of covid-19.
8. We will ask for the names of those attending the camp/conference. If an outbreak of Covid-19 were to occur, this would assist the local health department with contact tracing.
9. To give our staff time to properly clean areas on turnover days, we will ask our group leaders to do a staggered check-in time starting at 4 pm.
10. Keys and their containers will be disinfected before a group leader arrives and after they have departed.
11. All employees of BRCC will be required to participate in the Count on Me NC Training Program to learn how to best mitigate and prevent the spread of communicable illnesses.
12. All visitors must check-in to the office.
13. All employees will be masked in public areas, guest rooms, meeting areas, kitchen, etc.
14. Housekeepers will wear masks and gloves in all tasks that they perform. Gloves must be changed between tasks.
15. After a group has checked out, the housekeepers will enter lodging areas and sanitize all surfaces in the room. Showers, toilets, sinks, faucets, handles, dressers, lights, windows, door knobs, drawers etc. We will also be opening all of the windows and running fans during the cleaning process to ensure proper air circulation. This will all be done before the room is cleaned, and will apply to meeting spaces and their bathrooms as well.
16. Comforters will not be used for the foreseeable future. Guests will use the blankets in the rooms, and they will be laundered in between uses.
17. Housekeepers will use EPA approved cleaning solutions known to kill Covid-19 and other communicable diseases.

18. Once each room has been cleaned, per our usual procedures, the housekeeping supervisor will check the rooms and re-sanitize all areas.
19. In the past we have normally done towel exchanges and emptied trash every other day. If a group comes on Monday they would get a towel exchange and trash pickup on Wednesday. This has only applied to groups staying two days or more. To limit our contact with others we will now be modifying those procedures. We will put extra trash bags on the receptacles, and when the trash is full, guests can put the bag outside of their door. The staff will collect trash as needed. We will also put extra toilet paper, towels, washcloths, and bathmats in the room before check-in. Other than maintenance issues the staff will not enter occupied guest rooms for the foreseeable future.
20. Staff will go through the facility in the morning, at noon, at dinner, and before bedtime to sanitize all door knobs, entrance areas, high traffic areas, and meeting space surfaces. There will be a log to ensure that the tasks are being completed.
21. Lobby bathrooms and the employee bathrooms will be cleaned three times per day.
22. Meeting space bathrooms will be cleaned two times per day.
23. We will no longer offer a self-service buffet. Guests will come through the line and will be served by BRCC staff in a cafeteria style.
24. Desserts will be plated before the meal and handed out upon request by BRCC staff.
25. We will no longer offer a full salad bar. We are hoping to make some specialty salads in bulk each day to ensure that those fresh options remain for our guests.
26. We will wrap the silverware individually.
27. We will no longer keep the salt and pepper shakers and the napkins on the table. They will be included with the individually wrapped silverware.
28. We will have a dining room attendant to serve drinks.
29. If we have one large group, we will work with the group leader to stagger the meal times. When we are hosting multiple groups, we will work with the group leaders and give them assigned times to eat to allow for distancing. This will also allow time to properly sanitize between groups.
30. Other than scheduled meal times, the dining room will be closed.
31. There will be one entrance for the dining room area and one exit.
32. We will continue to clean the dining and kitchen areas multiple times per day.
33. We will place six foot markers in our lobbies and dining areas to ensure and encourage social distancing.