

WCR CONFERENCE COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS FALL 2022 SEASON

Overview

Walker Creek Ranch has provided a welcoming space and exceptional accommodations and services for conference groups since 1990. Our conference program was suspended in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and remained closed through August 2022. Walker Creek Ranch will begin serving conference groups once again in Fall 2022. The health and safety of our guests, staff, and community remains our highest priority. To this end, our reopening plan will be cautious and deliberate, and will begin with an abbreviated three-month conference season from September through November 2022. We will be closed for December and plan to reopen our conference program again in January 2023.

To ensure the safety of guests and staff, WCR will implement the following COVID safety protocols for the Fall 2022 conference season. These protocols are based on local, state, and federal guidelines, and *are subject to change* based on updates to guidance and changes in local [COVID 19 Community Levels](#).

Safety Protocols

Vaccinations

- All eligible guests are strongly recommended to be fully vaccinated and boosted (if eligible) and stay [up-to-date](#) with any newly recommended vaccinations prior to attending conference events at Walker Creek Ranch.
- All Walker Creek Ranch staff must be fully vaccinated and boosted (if eligible) and stay [up-to-date](#) with any newly recommended vaccinations. Proof of vaccination for all WCR staff will be verified by the Marin County Office of Education.

COVID-19 Testing

- All conference guests are recommended to perform a pre-arrival Covid-19 [screening test](#) before arriving for the conference event.
- Prior to arrival, all conference guests must test if they have [symptoms of COVID-19](#) or have been in [close contact](#) with someone who has COVID-19 in the last 10 days. Conference group leaders will be responsible to verify test results.
- Guests who have had a recent positive diagnosis of COVID-19 or are experiencing [symptoms](#) consistent with COVID-19 will not be permitted to attend an event until they have been asymptomatic for at least 10 days. Refunds are available for any participant who is not able to attend an event for this reason.

Masks

- [Masks](#) are recommended indoors when Marin County community transmission is high or for any person coming from a region with a high [COVID-19 Community Level](#).
- [Masks](#) should be well-fitting and properly worn over the nose and mouth.
- Disposable masks are available upon request. Guests are encouraged to bring personal masks and are welcome to wear them at any time.

Daily Symptom Check/ Sick Policy During Event

- All guests will self-monitor for [symptoms of COVID-19](#) daily, and notify their group leader if any symptoms occur during their stay.
- Guests with symptoms of COVID-19 will isolate, wear a mask, and be tested on-site.
- Guests who test positive for COVID-19 will be asked to leave the conference. If they cannot leave due to travel restrictions, we will support their quarantine to the best of our ability.
- Staff will go home when they have [symptoms of COVID-19](#) and test for COVID-19. If they test negative, they can return to work when symptoms are resolved and they are fever free without the use of fever-reducing medicines for 24 hours. If they test positive, they will follow the Marin County Public Health [Isolation and Quarantine Guidance](#) before returning to work.

Additional Safety Measures

- Sanitizing of all communal high-touch surfaces will be performed daily.
- Portable hand-washing stations will be placed in convenient locations throughout campus.
- Hand Sanitizer stations will be available in all meeting and lodging spaces.
- Improved ventilation will be optimized through open windows/doors in lodging spaces and air purifiers in all meeting rooms, shared lodging, offices and the dining hall.
- Guests will be encouraged to distance in the dining hall and use outdoor spaces to eat (weather permitting).
- Conference guests traveling from counties outside Marin should follow the [COVID-19 Community Levels](#) guidance for their county of residence (for example, participants who live in a county with a high COVID-19 Community Level should wear a mask when in public indoor spaces).
- Group leaders will maintain an accurate participant and lodging list throughout the event.

Resources

CDPH: [K–12 Guidance 2022–23 School Year \(ca.gov\)](#)

CDC: [Frequently Asked Questions for Directors of Overnight Camps | CDC](#)

Marin HHS: [marin-county-schools-smarter-plan-2022.05.03-with-updated-esp-final-1.pdf \(marinhhs.org\)](#)