

Northern Tier COVID-19 Updates

With the continuing risk of COVID-19 cases, the health and safety of our staff and participants is our priority. We want to have a fun successful Okpik season, but to do so we want to make sure you are aware of our COVID-19 policies. Below are some reminders and policies that we want you to be aware of prior to your arrival at Northern Tier. You will receive a full policy orientation on your first day of work. **Please read all information carefully** and please let us know if you have any questions prior to your arrival. We are here to help make it a great winter! Looking forward to meeting you all.

- As you prepare for your arrival, please follow the CDC guideline that you are safer at home. The less you expose yourself to the virus, the safer you are, and the safer the team will be at Northern Tier this winter.
- We are requiring staff and participants to always wear masks on base and carry a personal hand sanitizer bottle. You will be provided with two masks upon arrival, but we would recommend bringing some as well. Buffs, neckerchiefs, and bandanas all make great face coverings.
- As you are travelling, make good choices in how you interact, what stops you make and good personal hygiene in route – wash your hands and/or sanitize your hands frequently. Wear your mask, and limit touching your face.
- If you are flying into the airport and being transported by our shuttle – you will be screened at the airport prior to boarding the shuttle. If you are sick, running fever, or do not pass the screening, you will not be allowed to board the shuttle. Please DO NOT travel to Northern Tier if you are sick.
- Upon arrival, you will be greeted by a staff member at the entrance to base. You and all people in your car will be asked some health screening questions and have your temperature taken. We need everyone to be honest in the screening. This is important to all our team, including yourself!
- If you or anyone in your vehicle are unable to pass the health screening, you will be turned away. What does this mean? Do not arrive, if you are sick. If you do arrive and you are sick, you will not be allowed on the property. Please DO NOT travel to Northern Tier if you are sick.
- If you are being transported by family or friends that will not be working here this winter, please know, they will be able to drop you off, but will not be able to stay. We will not be able to provide tours or allow them to hang around this winter. We will ask them to drop you off and say goodbye.
- We are a no handshake/no hug zone this winter. We know many of you are great friends and it will be exciting to see each other again – many of you will be meeting each other for the first time – but it will be considered respectful this winter to not touch each other in any way. A smile, a head nod or dancing a jig, are all appropriate greetings this summer. We are taking social distancing very seriously.
- Once you have arrived on base you will not be able to travel long distances. This means that you should plan to spend Christmas on base this year.