Vail Resorts Takes Precautions for Coronavirus (COVID-19)

All Vail Resorts properties are operating normally.

The health and wellbeing of our employees and guests is our top priority. As a part of that commitment, Vail Resorts is closely monitoring the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and World Health Organization's (WHO) statements regarding novel coronavirus (COVID-2019) and following the guidelines from these agencies, as well as from local health departments where we operate resorts in the United States, Canada and Australia.

We are taking all appropriate precautions across all of our locations, as advised by the CDC and local public health agencies. These measures include properly disinfecting our facilities and ensuring the preparation of our employees. For confirmed cases at any of our locations, we will follow the direction and guidance of local health officials.

Additionally, the Vail Resorts Health & Safety team has communicated with employees about illness prevention, including the CDC's recommendation of everyday preventive actions to stop the spread of germs, such as:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

What is 2019 Novel Coronavirus?
2019 Novel Coronavirus, or COVID-19, is a respiratory virus first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. The World Health Organization reports, as of March 5, there were 95,333 confirmed cases around the world. A small number of confirmed cases have been detected in the United States, Canada and Australia. Learn about COVID-19.

What are the signs and symptoms?
Patients with confirmed COVID-19 infection have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

All Vail Resorts employees have been instructed to contact their health care provider and supervisor if they develop any of these symptoms.

How does the virus spread?
Some viruses are highly contagious (like measles), while other viruses are less so. It is not clear yet how easily COVID-19 spreads from person to person. When person-to-person spread has occurred, it is thought to have occurred via droplet transmission or when an infected person coughs or sneezes, similar to how influenza and other respiratory pathogens spread.

Transmission from asymptomatic people is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads, according to the CDC. Additionally, the CDC says intermediary surfaces are generally not considered capable of transmitting the coronavirus after two hours following contact by the infectious person.

How can I protect myself?
There is currently no vaccine to prevent the COVID-19 virus. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus. The CDC always recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, here.

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