



Executive Director, Keegan Young, in Nepal, October 2019. Photo by Marisa Jarae

Dear Fellow travelers in the CMC Community,








As mountain people, we’re constantly assessing risk. When we’re planning a trip, we look at all the available data (and factor in the unknown). On the trail, we apply that knowledge, using our experience and training. Sometimes, we pause to think and adapt as necessary.

Today, we’re all traveling through unknown terrain. We must make constant adjustments based on ever-changing conditions, including new information from the media, our governor, and our peers. At the CMC, we’ve always got an eye on the horizon.

Now, as our state prepares to loosen restrictions on travel and gatherings, the CMC is adjusting our plans accordingly. **We’re taking cautious steps in the direction of resuming classes and trips, and at this time, we plan to reopen those offerings beginning June 1.**

I understand this is too late for some folks and too early for others. As always, attendance and participation is optional and requires personal judgement, responsibility, and ownership. This will come with some obvious restrictions, obstacles, and risk. Thankfully, our wonderful volunteer leaders and our members are very familiar with navigating rocky terrain, assessing risk, personal responsibility, and—most importantly—have always been committed to protecting our partners and team above all else.

As with the onset of all this weirdness, we’ll provide a social distancing rubric to guide trips, classes, and gatherings that we created after consulting Golden Fire Department, first responders, land managers, trip leaders, and our members. Some of the measures we’ll be taking to minimize risk on these offerings include:

 RESPECT ALL CLOSURES All CMC programs will be required to have up-to-date knowledge of the county and land manager regulations.	 KNOW THE SYMPTOMS All participants must report any symptoms & take their temperature 24 hours prior to start of program & day of, too. Cancel if feeling ill.
 WEAR A MASK Masks must be worn at all times during all CMC programs.	 PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING All program participants are required to have a minimum of 6-feet in between each other
 NO CARPOOLING Carpooling is prohibited for a CMC program, unless people are from same household	 8 PEOPLE OR LESS CMC gatherings will be restricted to 8 people or less, including trip leader, school director/instructor
 10 MILE RADIUS OF HOME CMC participants & volunteer leaders must only travel within a 10-mile radius of their home to a CMC program	 HAND HYGIENE All program participants must carry hand hygiene supplies: alcohol-based hand sanitizer (70%) or biodegradable hand soap

Full, detailed protocols and checklists will be published by Saturday morning, May 9, 2020 [here](#) on [cmc.org](#).

We’ll also provide every participant with an updated waiver, which will ask them to acknowledge they understand and accept these new risks. If you have questions about the way programs will be run to mitigate risk, please email us at office@cmc.org. We are happy to talk it through with you.

Above all, we’ll continue to follow guidance from state, county, and local health departments and government officials and adjust accordingly. **Put simply: let’s get back to planning—with the understanding that all plans are tentative at this point, and subject to change, postponement, or cancellation owing to updated COVID-19 guidelines.**

We’re eager to get back to the business of serving our members in-person in a responsible manner. I can’t wait to give you a wave as we pass on the trail.

Onward,



Keegan Young
Executive Director

School is Still in Session



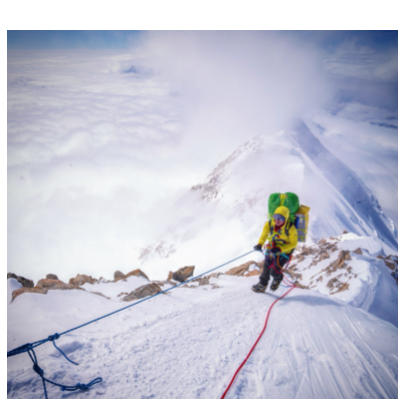
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