

# COVID-19 Guidelines for 2021 Children's Development Programs

*Updated September 4th 2020*

The following is a list of updates and logistics for the 2021 Children's Development Programs with regards to the impacts of COVID-19. Mohawk Mountain will be closely adhering to Federal, State and County restrictions. Overall our goal will be to keep participants outside as much as possible, keep facilities and equipment clean and limit close contact. Maintaining everyone's good health, whilst developing skiing and snowboarding skills in a fun mountain environment is our priority!

It's possible that some of the restrictions may be lightened by early January or improved ways of operating will be established. In these instances we will keep you up to date with any changes before the programs commence. Please work with us and be flexible in your approach to skiing and snowboarding so we can accommodate as many skiers and snowboarders as possible to maintain a viable business.

## **Dates**

The first weekend of programs is January 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> and the final weekend of programs is scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>. Programs are not in session MLK weekend, January 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>, or President's weekend, February 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>.

There are no scheduled make up days, unless programs are cancelled by Mohawk Mountain due to extreme weather. In this case you would be notified in advanced via email of both the cancellation and the extreme weather make-up date. Extreme weather make up dates scheduled for March 13th/14th

For this year we have added some COVID-19 make up days. If Mohawk Mountain is closed on a scheduled session date due to COVID-19 then make ups will take place on March 13th, 14th, 20th or 21st. Please note your make ups maybe assigned to both a Saturday and a Sunday.

**We strongly recommend marking your calendars with the potential make up dates.**

## **Transportation**

We recommend program participants travel to and from Mohawk Mountain only with members from their own household. Please leave extra time as transitioning from the parking lot to group meeting points may take longer than usual, especially with regards to using the bathrooms.

## **Session Start Times**

To avoid large gatherings and manage the flow of people from their vehicles to group meeting points, both at the beginning and end of sessions, we have adjusted some program times. Staggering start and finish times will also help with staggering lunches to reduce the number of athletes and coaches eating at the same time. We are anticipating a reduced capacity in our lodges.

Interclub 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

DSquad 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Mountain Division 9:00/9:30/10:00 to 1:30/2:00/2:30 (assigned time will remain the same from week to week)

Yeti Club Saturday & Sunday morning 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Yeti Club Saturday afternoon 2:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m.

Hawk Stars 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

AMPT 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

With programs that start in the mornings we are going to do our very best to have siblings not start more than 30 minutes apart.

## **Screening Procedures**

For the protection of fellow program participants, their families and Mohawk Mountain's employees, every athlete will be required to undergo screening procedures before they can join their group. This will include answering a series of short questions including if they have recently been exposed to someone with COVID -19 and if the participant or any immediate family members are experiencing high fever, cough, respiratory distress or loss of smell or taste. Participant's temperatures will also be taken. Any participant who answers yes to these questions or has a fever of 100 or higher will not be able to participate that day.

## **Group Assignments**

Once a participant leaves their meeting point they will stay with their group until the session finishes that day. We will not be moving participants mid-way through a day. Rookie Chairlift Training has now become even more important for new participants, as this also gives us an opportunity to more accurately know each participant's skill level for assigning initial groups. Accurate group attendance will be taken to help facilitate any contact tracing.

## **Social Distancing**

Participants within the same group and their coaches, will where possible, socially distance from each other, but given the nature of group dynamics this is not required. Groups are required to socially distance from all other groups. This will include when out on the snow, in lift lines and during lunch. One way walkways, doors and stairs will be established and must be followed.

## **Chairlifts**

Mohawk Mountain is waiting on guidelines for loading chairlifts. All of Mohawk Mountain's chairlifts are triple chairs. We anticipate to at least being able to load two people situated in the outside seats whilst wearing ski masks. Information will be shared before we open and we ask program participants to be good examples to our skiing public.

## **Chairlift Rookie Training**

At Mohawk Mountain we take chairlift safety very seriously. All new Interclub (as long as not previously participated in DSquad), new DSquad and new Mountain Division participants must participate in Chairlift Rookie Training. Training is provided at no charge by a snowsports professional between opening day and Friday January 8th 2021. On the day you would like your child to participate in Chairlift Rookie Training, head to the Snowsports Discovery Center desk as soon as you arrive at the mountain to schedule the 30 minute session for later that day. If Chairlift Rookie Training has not been completed by Saturday January 9th 2021 your child will not be able to participate. COVID-19 gives us no flexibility with this policy as we also need to see how new participants ski to place them in the correct groups before programs start. **If you are unable to commit to your child participating in Chairlift Rookie Training before the program starts please do not sign them up.**

## **Handwashing & Personal Hygiene**

Participants and staff are required to sanitize or wash their hands before their program starts (this can be done in the car), when the program finishes, before and after using the bathroom and before and after eating. CDC guidelines regarding covering coughs and sneezes will be followed.

## **Masks**

Luckily skiers and snowboards are no strangers to wearing masks! Participants and staff will be required to wear masks both outside on the snow, taking chairlifts and whilst inside the lodges. The only

exception will be whilst eating or outside if participants and staff are able to maintain at least a six foot distance from all other people.

### **Cleaning and Sanitizing**

High touch surfaces will be thoroughly cleaned continuously throughout the day. This includes railings, door handles and bathrooms. Daily cleaning of lodges and facilities will be stepped up to use the latest commercial grade cleaning supplies to help fight the virus.

### **Bathrooms**

Participants must wash their hands before and after going to the bathroom, adhere to occupancy levels, foot traffic patterns and maintain social distancing. It is important for athletes to use the bathroom at home before each program day starts and at lunchtime to avoid any unnecessary lodge breaks.

### **Personal Belongings**

All personal belongings that are not being used whilst skiing must be stored in your vehicle or in our designated bag check.

### **Lunch**

All programs (except Yeti Club) now have a bagged lunch included. Program participants will spend their half hour lunch break in Pine Lodge with their program instructor and group members. The Pine Lodge is a larger space than The Perch. There will be an increased number of 30 minute lunch periods. Groups will remain socially distanced from other groups whilst eating but participants will not be fully socially distanced from others in their group. Items in the bag will change for each session. A sample of lunch items are sandwiches, wraps, hot dogs, hamburgers, fresh fruit, side salads, cookies, brownies, popcorn, chips, bottled water, juice boxes, milk and chocolate milk. Any participants with food allergies should reach out to our Snowsports Director, Andy Raybould before the program commences.

### **Parent/Guardian on site**

Mohawk Mountain has always maintained a strict policy on having a parent/guardian or designated person of responsibility be on site whilst programs are in session. In light of maintaining socially distanced spaces in our lodges, it would not be possible to accommodate all program parents/guardians.

**For one season only** we are allowing parents/guardians to be no more than 20 minutes away from

Mohawk Mountain, and be in a position to drop what you are doing in an instant to head to Mohawk Mountain to be in a position to advocate for your child. The towns of Torrington, Litchfield, Warren, Kent and Sharon are all 20 minutes away from Mohawk Mountain. **Parents/Guardians are welcome to stay and ski/snowboard or wait in their cars.**

### **Sick Policy**

Program participants who are experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, fever of 100 or more, chills, diarrhea, vomiting, sore throat, unexplained muscle pains or a new loss of taste or smell cannot attend the program. The participant's physician should be contacted for further guidance and advice. If COVID-19 is suspected, the pediatrician will provide you with details on how to proceed. If your child has COVID-19 or there is a strong suspicion that your child has COVID-19, you must contact the Snowsports Discovery Center at Mohawk Mountain immediately.

### **Refund and Credit Policy specific to COVID-19**

- Should Mohawk Mountain be forced to close for a period of time due to COVID 19 when programs are in session, Mohawk Mountain has scheduled 4 make up days on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. Please note your make-up date(s) may be on Saturdays and/or Sundays.
- Should a participant get sick, or get COVID-19, or be quarantined, there will be no credits or refunds.
- There will be no credit or refund on the season pass portion of the program fee.
- If 70% of the sessions are completed by Mohawk Mountain, including those scheduled on make-up days, there will be no credits/refunds.
- If less than 70% of sessions are completed a partial credit will be applied to your 2022 program place. Credit is provided for sessions up to the 70% completion rate. Example: 4 out of 7 sessions are completed = 57%. Credit would be provided for 1 session as 5 out of 7 sessions = 71% completion and no credit is provided above 70%.
- Should Mohawk Mountain not open for the 2020/21 season, your program fees will be rolled over to the following season.

Have any questions? Please reach out to our Snowsports Director, Andy Raybould, before you sign up for our programs. [andy@mohawkmtn.com](mailto:andy@mohawkmtn.com) or 860 672 6100 Ext.117.