

## **OCV COVID-19 Policy (March 2020)**

The Outdoor Club of Victoria is committed to respecting the Public Health rules and guidelines implemented by Dr. Bonnie Henry to keep our members safe while engaging in Club activities.

As of March 2020, weekend hikes will be suspended until further notice as the trails are crowded on the weekends.

Instead, the Club will focus on providing hikes during the weekdays. We will try to provide a variety of A and B level hikes until the pandemic is under control. Leaders will limit the number of hikers to 6. In addition, carpooling is suspended and each hiker will drive to the trailhead independently. Hikes may start earlier in order to ensure sufficient parking. Hikers will respect the 2-metre distancing rule.

Hikers should not participate if they have any symptoms or signs of illness such as cough, runny nose, headache and not if they have returned within two weeks from a high risk COVID-19 area within Canada or from an international destination.

Leaders will obtain the emergency contacts of the hikers on each hike and fill out the hike forms in advance to avoid sharing pens and paper.

## **Update (November 2020)**

At the Outdoor Club Fall General Meeting in October the membership passed a motion to keep the 6 hikers per hike limit, but to allow individual leaders to use their discretion and take up to 4 additional hikers on their hikes where warranted at the leader's discretion. Hikers will still drive independently to the trailhead.

Additionally, Hikes will be offered on weekends as well as weekdays.