

## Gunflint Lodge Covid-19 Preparedness Plans and Policies

Gunflint Lodge is a special place, in the heart of the wilderness, where our guests go to disconnect and get away from the stresses they face in their daily lives and reconnect with what is most precious to them—family, friends, nature.

However, even up here in the heart of the great Northwoods, we are not unaware of the hardships that are facing the rest of the world as the novel Corona virus spreads across the globe. During this difficult time, our thoughts and prayers go out to the people who have been affected by the Covid-19 virus and we send our heartfelt thanks to the healthcare workers, local communities, and governments around the world who are on the front line working to combat the spread of illness.

While no cases have been reported in Minnesota's Cook County, Gunflint Lodge is nonetheless preparing to be sure that you remain safe and healthy during your visit. We thank you for your trust in us when planning your Northwoods vacation.

Here in the Superior National Forest, surrounded by more than a million acres of undeveloped wilderness, we do "Social Distancing" like nowhere else on earth. Feel free to drive here in your private vehicle, stay in your private cabin, and enjoy a private sauna or hot tub. If you want to join us in the Lodge for dinner or take a guided hike, you're welcome to, but if you're more comfortable by yourself, you can cook in your cabin or order room service. Your level of privacy or interaction is entirely up to you.

**Work Remote—Really Remote:** Some people have even been told to stay home, take classes online or work remote. We take working remote to a whole new level! With lightning fast cable internet in the Lodge, Outfitting, and even some cabins, why not come up and stay awhile? We'll set you up with a work area in the Lodge or Boundary Waters Event Center and are offering midweek Work In the Woods specials.

To help you feel confident in your plans, here are some of the actions we have taken to protect your safety during this time of insecurity:

- **Real Time Information:** We are closely monitoring the World Health Organization (WHO), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Minnesota Department of Health for the latest developments related to Covid-19 and following the guidance of government and public health officials.
- **Personal Hygiene:** Proper and frequent handwashing is vital to help combat the spread of viruses. In our daily meetings, our teams are reminded that cleanliness starts with this simple act. It's important for their health and that of our guests.

- **Cleaning Products and Protocols:** We work with our partners and suppliers to make sure our cabins, lodge, and public spaces use recommended anti-bacterial and virus-killing products and cleaning procedures.
- **Laundry:** We have recently added in-house laundry facilities that allows us to ensure that the towels and linens in your cabin and in our restaurant are never intermixed with those used in other facilities. This gives us control over where our linens have been and what cleaning and disinfecting products are used.
- **Food Safety and Restaurant Operations:** Restaurants, perhaps more than any other industry, have been on the forefront of health and safety requirements for decades. Both our owner, John Fredrikson, and our Food & Beverage Manager, Rick Grabko, have Food Safety Manager certifications. We always practice safe food handling skills, from wearing gloves and washing hands to temping food to serve it hot or cold. In light of the recent Corona virus threat, we have adhered to the Minnesota State Government's dine-in restaurant regulations. In order to still provide food service, we are offering to-go orders and room service from 8 am to 8 pm. If you prefer, we can drop your delivery outside your door and announce with a knock. If you are on a Romantic package that includes wine and appetizers delivered to your room, these can also be delivered without an in-person exchange if you prefer.
- **Housekeeping:** Our housekeeping staff stops by daily to refresh towels, drop off needed supplies and empty trash. Should you find yourself in need of something and wish to avoid interaction with housekeeping, write your request on the provided door-hang and they can drop off your requested items without you needing to come to the door.

**Travel Safely:** We want you to travel safely and stay well, for the good of yourself and the people around you. So when you decide to travel, follow the guidelines put out by the CDC: wash your hands, cover your cough, practice social distancing, avoid exposing others and if you feel sick or have a fever, consult your healthcare professional.

We hope that you will continue to travel, explore the Northwoods, and spend time with your friends and family in this special location, whether you are journeying into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness or relaxing at the Lodge. We thank you for the trust you place in us each time you choose to stay here, and we look forward to seeing you here soon!

Sincerely,

John & Mindy Fredrikson and the entire Gunflint Team