

# Travelling to Golden during COVID-19 Winter 2020/21



**This document is not meant to promote travel. It's purpose is to inform those planning future travels on the best practices to follow during COVID-19. During periods when non-essential travel should be avoided we encourage everyone to stay at home and postpone trips until a time when it is safe to travel.**

## **Together we can all do our part to have fun and stay safe!**

During the 2020/21 winter the Town of Golden and the entire Kootenay Rockies region are working with all levels of government and local businesses to ensure that our community remains safe for visitors and residents. As information and recommendations change during this active pandemic, we will continue to work towards making this winter enjoyable for everyone. To do this we are asking everyone to respect and follow the health guidelines that have been recommended by the province, abide by individual businesses COVID-19 protocols, and to continue to practice physical distancing while in our community whenever possible. We know you want to help keep our community safe and we want you to know that Golden and our businesses are doing everything possible to keep you safe as well.

### **Here's what we're doing to protect you when you come to Golden:**

- Accommodators, restaurants, shops, and stores are implementing provincially approved guidelines for cleaning and physical distancing to keep staff and patrons safe.
- Businesses are making their COVID-19 protocols visible prior to entering.
- All activity providers have created additional safety measures as well as implemented provincially approved guidelines for cleaning and physical distancing to keep staff and visitors safe.
- Due to limited space and modified group sizes, please call ahead to activity providers to see if there are additional items you are required to bring in advance of your trip.

### **Here's what we're asking you to do to help keep our locals & their staff safe:**

- **PLAN AHEAD** Book your accommodation, activities, and any dining in advance!
- **If you or anyone in your travelling group has been sick, experienced flu-like symptoms have travelled outside of Canada or have been exposed to anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days PLEASE RESCHEDULE your trip.**
- Review [British Columbia's Public Health Officers restrictions](#) to reduce COVID-19 transmission related to social interactions and travel. These restrictions can include such measures as mandatory masks in public spaces, travel advisories, and restrictions on restaurants, events and group gatherings.
- **Bring your own personal protective equipment (ie hand sanitizer and mask).** Most stores and activity providers will have sanitizer at the entrance of their respective businesses, and

some will have disposable masks, but just in case, have a small travel pack and a personal mask on you at all times. There are many locations in Golden that sell hand sanitizer and masks, including grocery stores, drug stores, some convenience and clothing stores.

- Only send **ONE person from your group to go shopping in town for essential needs**, this includes grocery stores, liquor stores and cannabis shops.
- Interior Health recommends anyone with COVID-19-like symptoms, however mild, get tested. Even out of province visitors can access testing through the [COVID-19 online booking form](#) or by calling 1-877-740-7747 between 8:00 am - 7:00 pm PST. for more information visit <https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/testing-information/>
  - Following the test you must isolate immediately until you have your results. If you test positive continue your quarantine and contact your accommodator to let them know of your results.
- **Make a reservation** at one of our restaurants, order takeout or have it delivered, contact the restaurant directly to learn which options are available.
- Respect the 2m physical distancing recommendations whenever possible in public spaces including parks, walking trails and recreation areas.

For full details about Golden businesses visit [www.tourismgolden.com/covid-19-info](http://www.tourismgolden.com/covid-19-info)

We thank you for respecting these travelling tips and look forward to welcoming you to Golden!