



We recognize that there has been concerning news regarding the spread of the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 in the United States and throughout the world. The health and safety of Corpsmembers has always been our highest priority. Accordingly, RMYC is taking proactive steps in response to the coronavirus pandemic to protect Corpsmembers and our staff.

COVID-19 Response - July 29, 2020

We recognize that COVID-19 is a serious threat to the health and safety of Corpsmembers, staff and community. We are taking this global pandemic very seriously. As we learn more everyday about the virus and as the number of confirmed cases in our community increases, we are updating our protocols and policies regularly. Please feel free to review the current protocols [HERE](#).

We have made several changes to RMYC's operations. Here are a few:

- 1. Staff and interns are asked to remain working from home unless direct crew support is needed.**
- 2. We have reduced the size of crews from 8 to 5 to reduce the threat of spread and infection.**
- 3. We have limited the number of people in a crew vehicle from 8 to 3 individuals.**
- 4. We have implemented strict COVID19 protocols such as daily wellness checks, face cover requirements, smaller crew sizes, social distancing and strict sanitation practices that allow us to safely work on projects as a crew.**

Management is meeting weekly to discuss any needed changes to operation or policy as well as to track the number of cases in the state and local communities.

Earlier this year we made the difficult decision to cancel the summer crews as we were not ready to begin programs on time and had an increasingly smaller window to offer a valuable experience.

Ten young adult crews began on June 29th with an anticipated graduation date of December 11th. However, due to the alarming spike in cases in Bernalillo County, especially in the age group of 20-29, we have decided to suspend our Albuquerque-based crews until there is a 'flattening of the curve' and a reduction in cases.

We are in contact with our project partners and are prepared to make any adjustments to the training curriculum and work schedule that may become necessary as the issues develop.

We are following the evolution of the pandemic in real time and are prepared to take whatever precautions are necessary to protect the health and safety of Corpsmembers, staff, and the community.