

## **United States Department of the Interior**

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE Yosemite National Park P.O. Box 577 Yosemite, California 95389

## **Public Use Limitation – Public Health Emergency**

Coronavirus, the virus responsible for the disease COVID-19, has caused a public health emergency as declared by Mariposa County, the State of California, and the United States Government. In consultation with local, county, and state public health officials and guidance provided by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and in order to maintain public health and safety while allowing management and administrative operations to continue, the Superintendent is designating the entirety of Yosemite National Park as open for day use only during the hours specified in this order, and closed to all overnight use by non-residents of Yosemite National Park. For all who are present within the park at any time, certain public use limits or restrictions (community containment measures) are warranted to reduce the risk of exposure and transmission of COVID-19 at the individual and population level by limiting social interactions and preventing inadvertent exposures.

By order of the Superintendent of Yosemite National Park and under authority of Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.5(a), Section (a)(1) and Section (a)(2):

Starting Monday, December 7, 2020 at 12:00 pm, the following use limitations are in effect within Yosemite National Park:

- Yosemite National Park is closed to all non-residents between the hours of 5:00 pm and 8:00 am.
  For the purposes of this order, owners and long-term renters (over 28 days) of homes within the
  communities of Yosemite West, Wawona, Foresta or Aspen Valley are considered to be residents
  of Yosemite National Park.
- Overnight use of any part of the Yosemite Wilderness is prohibited.
- Individuals shall not congregate with members of other households unless expressly authorized by permit.
- Individuals who have been directed by a Public Health Official or the Superintendent to be in "isolation" or "quarantine" shall stay within their residence at all times except to receive medical care until cleared by a Public Health Official or medical professional.

Administrative exemptions or modifications to these use limitations or specified quarantine measures may be made for approved contractors, community members or park employees who perform certain critical community infrastructure or response roles as determined by the Superintendent.

These measures are being enacted to maintain public health and safety. This designation will remain in place until rescinded.		
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Superintendent		

Public Use Limitation - Yosemite Day Use Map



