

Guidelines for joining WW Club Rides

Western Wheelers Club Rides Now Permitted in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties within Current Guidelines

On June 18th, San Mateo County issued Order No. c19-11 rescinding the Shelter In Place Order. Participants of gatherings of any size must adhere to Social Distancing and Face Covering Requirements as set forth below in Sections 13.d and 13.e. The full order can be found online:
https://www.smchealth.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/ho_order_c19-11_20200617.pdf?1592431253

On July 10th, Santa Clara County issued its Mandatory Directive for Recreational and Athletic Activities and Facilities (<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/covid19/Pages/mandatory-directives-recreational-and-athletic-activities-and-facilities.aspx>). This Directive is mandatory, and failure to follow it is a violation of the Health Officer's Order issued on July 2, 2020 ("Order"). You must comply with the Order and all requirements of this Directive.

In compliance with county guidelines, Western Wheelers will list club rides that are wholly contained within San Mateo and/or Santa Clara Counties. Club rides are still not permitted in neighboring counties.

Risks, Privacy and Safety

There is risk in all gatherings, since people without symptoms can transmit COVID-19. Participation in club rides is voluntary. Members assume the full and complete risk that is associated with exposure to and infection by COVID-19 during such participation. Please note that in the event Western Wheelers is asked by the department of public health for a list of riders participating in any club ride for purposes of Covid-19 exposure tracing, Western Wheelers will comply with such requests.

In order to keep our riders safe and stay in compliance with local regulations, the following guidelines are now in effect for all club rides within San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. Ride leaders are being directed to ask riders not in compliance to leave the ride. As we navigate these changes during the ongoing pandemic, club rides will be open to Western Wheelers members only. Learn about [becoming a member](#)

Before rides:

1. If you are sick (cough, sore throat, fever, loss of smell), do not come on club rides.
2. All riders must have a face covering (eg. mask, bandana, neck gaiter/buff or other without vents) to be worn at the start of each ride and whenever stopped (eg. during regroupings).
3. Signing up at the start of each ride is mandatory to facilitate contact tracing if a rider becomes ill. The ride leader will take down riders' names. Please maintain a 6' distance from the ride leader and each other at the ride start.
4. Riders will be broken into groups of 6 to 15 people for better distancing compliance. Please arrive at the start of the ride on time to ensure proper staggering of riders.
5. Route sheets will not be provided by the ride leader so download routes or print route sheets, if available, before the ride.

During rides:

1. Riders must maintain a safe distance from each other - minimum of six feet or use the two second rule to determine safe distances. Conditions such as headwinds or downhills may necessitate wider distances. Use good judgment and follow ride leader directives.
2. In order to maintain proper distancing during rides, drafting and pace lines will not be permitted on Western Wheelers rides.

3. No spitting or blowing noses into the air during rides.

Please note ride descriptions will include information on snack/lunch stops. It is the responsibility of each rider to understand the applicable directives in the county in which they are riding (eg. outdoor dining, face coverings, etc) and to follow the directives and signs posted by any business at which you may stop.

Availability of water and restrooms may be limited so plan your intake and distances accordingly.

Hand sanitizer will not be provided by Western Wheelers. Each rider is expected to pack sanitizer, wipes, tissues and any other products required for his/her safety and comfort.

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