

2.3 EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING

There is potential that a visitor may begin a multi-day trail-based trip symptom-free but develop symptoms of COVID-19 while on-trail. If serious enough, these symptoms may prevent the visitor from being able to depart the trail and an evacuation may be required.

- Trail operators who manage remote and isolated multi-day trails should work with local first responders to review and update, or develop, an emergency response plan that details the protocols for evacuating trail users who are suspected to have COVID-19.

2.4 LAND MANAGER OR LANDOWNER COMMUNICATIONS

Many trail operators receive permission for the development and management of their trails from land managers (e.g. provincial / territorial government, local government) and private landowners (e.g. individuals, companies). Regardless, all land managers and owners will want to understand how the trail operator is planning to manage risk for transmission and liability.

- Trail operators should contact their respective land managers or landowners to advise them that a visitor management plan is being prepared and to ask if they have any COVID-19 specific concerns that they would like considered. Consider sharing these guidelines with them.
- A draft of the visitor management plan or management actions should be shared with the land manager / landowner for input. Steps should be taken to resolve concerns raised.