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Skiers Want To Ski, And Ski Resorts Are Obliging

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Prior to the start of this year's ski season, which began for many resorts in early December, questions lingered throughout the ski industry concerning just how many people would come to the slopes considering the current environment. From all reports, those questions have been answered emphatically. People want to ski, and they have been packing the resorts while at the same time adhering to strict social distancing guidelines.

In order to ensure the safety and well-being of both their skiers and employees, many resorts have been limiting ticket sales and have implemented a number of other measures. The **National Ski Areas Association's "Ski Well, Be Well"** program is designed to ensure that resorts provide skiers with a thoughtful return to outdoor winter recreation.



Pocono skiers can enjoy convenient accommodations at Camelback Lodge.

Nestled in the scenic Pocono Mountains, <u>Camelback Resort</u> requires the purchase of advanced lift tickets and passes online. Ski rentals and signed waivers will need to be completed online to minimize contact. Facial coverings will be required in all public spaces, including rental shops, while queuing for loading and riding lifts. Parties traveling together will need to ride together while singles will need to ride alone. Sanitizing stations will be present at the top and bottom of each lift. There are accommodations available at Camelback Lodge, an eight-story mountain modern-designed hotel with 453 guest suites. Innovative outdoor dining experiences at Camelback include the new Tacos & Beer Truck at Camelback Mountain Village featuring street tacos and draft beers. A new soup and sandwich themed food truck, On a Roll, is hitched to Tap Bar, a draft beverage trailer, for prime dip sandwiches.

By its inherent nature, skiing lends itself well to many of the social distancing guidelines that have been recommended. Some fresh mountain air combined with physical activity while responsibly socializing may be just people need these days.