- Where the risk assessment determines that it is not possible to eliminate the risks of crew members being infected by or transmitting COVID-19, trail operators should apply the following hierarchy of controls:

1 **First Choice – Engineering Controls**
These controls protect people from the hazard
(e.g. installing barriers, work zones)

2 **Second Choice – Administrative Controls**
These controls change the way the trail crew works, and interacts with each other, with the public and with their equipment
(e.g. physical distancing, disinfecting, tool assignment etc.)

3 **Third Choice – Personal Protective Equipment**
PPE controls the hazard at the crew member level. PPE is required when physical distancing cannot be maintained by administrative and engineering controls.

Where the hazard to crew members cannot be controlled by a single control method, the trail operator should apply a combination of the above controls.

- Trail operators should continue health and safety monitoring to ensure staff and volunteers follow all SWPs that are set out by the trail operator.

- Trail operators should ensure trail leaders understand their responsibility for trail crew compliance with SWPs.

- Trail operators should consider updating volunteer release forms, or creating new ones, to address COVID-19.

4.2 PRIORITIZE TRAIL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

- Trail operators should review and prioritize all planned trail development and maintenance initiatives, and only pursue the most essential projects and initiatives. To help determine which initiatives are most essential, trail operators should ask themselves:

  » Will not pursuing the initiative result in an unreasonable public safety risk and potential negligence?

  » Will not pursuing the initiative result in unacceptable damage to sensitive environmental or historic resource values?

  » Will not pursuing the initiative result in significant infrastructure damage and significantly higher costs for implementing the project in the future?

  » Can the initiative be implemented in accordance with public health requirements and COVID-19 guidelines?

- Avoid undertaking projects on the busiest trails or during the peak use periods where possible. If not possible, consider a temporary closure of the trail or the implementation of taped off "work zones" to allow the work to be completed with limited interaction between the trail crew and the public.