

The following is meant to serve as guidance to help you plan how to safely conduct Scouting unit operations. These are best practices developed in consideration of updated recommendations from the State of Ohio and State of Kentucky, and in consultation with the Council Physician, to best provide for the safety of Scouts and their families. We encourage you to review these guidelines with your unit leadership to determine how to safely operate and the best path forward for your unit.

SCOUTING SAFELY RECOMMENDATIONS & PLANNING GUIDE*

* Be sure to **abide by guidance and restrictions from the state or county for your activity destination as well as your point of origin** if applicable.
 * Always consult with your Chartered Organization before conducting an activity, and abide by the organizations guidelines.
 * Scouting Safely Recommendations & Planning Guide is subject to change with updated COVID-19 guidance from local, state, and federal sources.
 * Please contact your District Executive if you have questions or concerns regarding the safe restart of Scouting in your unit.

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OHIO COVID 19 RISK LEVEL GUIDELINES BY COUNTY		
LEVEL 1 & LEVEL 2 PUBLIC EMERGENCY <i>Active and/or increased exposure or spread</i>	LEVEL 3 PUBLIC EMERGENCY <i>Very high exposure or spread</i>	LEVEL 4 PUBLIC EMERGENCY <i>Severe exposure or spread</i>
KENTUCKY COVID 19 INCIDENCE RATE GUIDELINES BY COUNTY		
ON TRACK & COMMUNITY SPREAD <i>> 10 per 100K</i>	ACCELERATED <i>10 - 25 per 100K</i>	CRITICAL <i>25 + per 100K</i>

Health and Safety		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure Scouts and Scouters self-screen (at a minimum) before attending unit functions. Have a prepared plan to address medical protocol should a Scout or Scouter become ill during a meeting or other activity. Maintain attendance records for both youth and adults at all meetings and functions in the event contact tracing is needed. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Unit should screen Scouts and Scouters before attending unit functions (take temperature, ask if feeling well). Have a prepared plan to address medical protocol should a Scout or Scouter become ill during a meeting or other activity. Maintain attendance records for both youth and adults at all meetings and functions in the event contact tracing is needed. 	Virtual Programs and Meetings Only

Meetings & Unit Activities		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Scouts and Scouters should avoid congregating as one large group indoors. Outdoor meetings and activities are recommended whenever possible. When gathered together, Scouts and Scouters should be in a group of no more than ten individuals. Multiple groups of ten may meet, but they must stay separated from other groups by at least 6 feet and avoid mixing. Scouts and Scouters should attempt to maintain social distancing at all times. Wear face coverings in any indoor location and outdoors when unable to consistently maintain a distance of six feet or more between individuals who are not members of the same household. Consider small groups like dens and patrols for in person meetings. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Scouts and Scouters should avoid congregating as one large group indoors. Outdoor meetings and activities are recommended whenever possible. When gathered together, Scouts and Scouters should be in a group of no more than ten individuals. Multiple groups of ten may meet, but they must stay separated from other groups by at least 6 feet and avoid mixing. Scouts and Scouters should attempt to maintain social distancing at all times. Wear face coverings in any indoor location and outdoors when unable to consistently maintain a distance of six feet or more between individuals who are not members of the same household. Consider small groups like dens and patrols for in person meetings. 	Virtual Programs and Meetings Only

Dining & Food Prep		
<p>Develop dining protocols to include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> No self-serve buffet meals or common water coolers. Use disposable utensils, napkins, cups and plates. Clean and disinfect eating and cooking gear after each use. Ensure proper sanitation and handwashing. No congregating under dining fly or pavilion. If utilizing picnic tables, continue to maintain social distancing. Designate specific areas for eating and drinking, and limit seating to no more than 10 people per table. Tables should be set up to maintain at least 6 feet apart. Food and drink should be consumed only while seated. 	<p>Develop dining protocols to include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> No self-serve buffet meals or common water coolers. Use disposable utensils, napkins, cups and plates. Clean and disinfect eating and cooking gear after each use. Ensure proper sanitation and handwashing. No congregating under dining fly or pavilion. If utilizing picnic tables, continue to maintain social distancing. Consider any food preparation and handling to be done by a limited number of people and use a 'grab-and-go' pre-packaged approach to meal service. Consider having at least one adult that reviews ServSafe guidelines and ensures that any youth involved in food service are directly supervised by adults. Visit www.servsafe.com for more information on food preparation amidst the Coronavirus. Designate specific areas for eating and drinking, and limit seating to no more than 10 people per table. Tables should be set up to maintain at least 6 feet apart. Food and drink should be consumed only while seated. 	Virtual Programs and Meetings Only

Camping		
<p>Develop tenting protocols to include:</p> <p>One Scout per tent is recommended unless Scouts are from the same household. 6 feet of space between tents. Patrol style campouts or small group activities should be considered.</p> <p>Troops should split into groups of 10 Scouts and Leaders. Multiple groups of 10 can stay in one campsite as long as they can maintain six feet of separation between groups. Mixing of groups should be avoided.</p> <p>Social distance at all times, including during camp fire & meal times.</p> <p>Youth protection procedures must be maintained.</p> <p>Camp Friedlander, Cub World, and Camp Craig are open for overnight camping. The above protocols will be in force.</p>	<p>Develop tenting protocols to include:</p> <p>One Scout per tent is recommended unless Scouts are from the same household. 6 feet of space between tents. Patrol style campouts or small group activities should be considered.</p> <p>Troops should split into groups of 10 Scouts and Leaders. Multiple groups of 10 can stay in one campsite as long as they can maintain six feet of separation between groups. No mixing of groups.</p> <p>Social distance at all times, including during camp fire & meal times.</p> <p>Youth protection procedures must be maintained.</p> <p>1. Camp Friedlander, Cub World, and Camp Craig are open for overnight camping. The above protocols will be in force.</p>	Virtual Programs and Meetings Only Camp Properties Closed.



Transportation		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Carpooling to campouts or other activities is allowed with limitations. Masks should be worn while carpooling unless all riders are members of the same family or household. Masks should be worn while utilizing public transportation, including privately owned or charter busses. Scouts should also follow all other regulations imposed by the transportation provider. Assessing County Public Health Emergency Levels: Default to the county that has the highest level of risk, either county of origin or county of destination. Be advised of any destination state's restrictions and other travel restrictions as Scouting plans are developed. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Though carpooling may at times be required to allow Scouts to be able to participate, it is not recommended. If carpooling is determined to be necessary, all riders must wear a mask. Masks should be worn while utilizing public transportation, including privately owned or charter busses. Scouts should also follow all other regulations imposed by the transportation provider. Assessing County Public Health Emergency Levels: Default to the county that has the highest level of risk, either county of origin or county of destination. Be advised of any destination state's restrictions and other travel restrictions as Scouting plans are developed. Consider staying local to your geographic area and if you 	Virtual Programs and Meetings Only



SAC & Staff Support		
Scout Achievement Center & Scout Shop Open (Masks Required, Maintain Social Distancing)	Scout Achievement Center & Scout Shop Open (Masks Required, Maintain Social Distancing).	Scout Achievement Center & Scout Shop will operate on limited hours to the public and no in-person meetings may be held (Masks Required, Maintain Social Distancing).
Dan Beard Council Staff available (Please always pre-schedule appointments)	Dan Beard Council Staff available virtually and on a limited in person basis. (Please always pre-schedule appointments)	Dan Beard Council staff will be available for virtual support.

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-  1. Develop your Scout Unit's COVID-19 'Scouting Safely' plan with your unit committee.
-  2. Share your plan with your Scout Unit's Chartered Organization. Discuss other requirements and guidelines they may have in place and if your Scout unit has permission to begin using their facilities/ space for meetings.

Communicate your unit's plan to your Scouting families. Be sensitive to all families and consider offering a hybrid (both in-person and virtual) program to ensure all Scouts have the opportunity to participate. Parents should only resume Scouting when they are comfortable.
-  3. Parents are highly encouraged to ask their unit leadership questions about the unit's plan to restart Scouting safely and a unit should ONLY begin meeting if social distancing can be assured.
-  4. Monitor and adjust your unit's plan to be current with any new local, state, or federal changes.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES


 Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer frequently. Avoid touching your face. Cover coughs or sneezes (e.g., into a tissue, or elbow). For more resources to reduce the risk of spread visit the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

 Per CDC, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. This list of symptoms can change as more is learned about COVID-19, and CDC updates this list on its website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

In the event of a COVID 19 exposure:

1. Immediately isolate those exposed from other people and notify family/families. Exposed individual(s) should seek immediate medical care.
2. Report the exposure to the local county department of public health:

FOR BUTLER COUNTY:	http://health.bcohoio.us/	(513) 863-1770
FOR HAMILTON COUNTY:	https://www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org/	(513) 946-7800
FOR WARREN COUNTY:	http://warrenchd.com/	(513) 695-2097
FOR CLERMONT COUNTY:	https://ccphohio.org/	(513) 732-7499
FOR BROWN COUNTY:	https://www.browncountyhealth.org/	(937) 378-6892
FOR BOONE COUNTY:	https://nkyhealth.org/	(859) 363-2060
FOR KENTON COUNTY:	https://nkyhealth.org/	(859) 431-3345
FOR CAMPBELL COUNTY:	https://nkyhealth.org/	(859) 431-1704
FOR GRANT COUNTY:	https://nkyhealth.org/	(859) 824-5074
FOR GALLATIN COUNTY:	https://www.trdhd.com/index.aspx	(859) 567-2844
FOR OWEN COUNTY:	https://www.trdhd.com/index.aspx	(502) 484-5736
FOR PENDLETON COUNTY:	https://www.trdhd.com/index.aspx	(859) 654-6985
3. Report the incident through the National Boy Scouts of America's incident reporting tool at <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/incident-report/covid-19-incidents-exposures-supplemental-instructions/>
4. Notify your District Executive. Contact names, phone numbers and emails can be found at <http://www.danbeard.org/about/staff-directory/>

 For information on developing a contact tracing plan or for more resources visit the National BSA COVID resource website at <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/incident-report/covid-19-incidents-exposures-supplemental-instructions/>