

The following is meant to serve as guidance to help units plan how to safely conduct Scouting activities. These are best practices developed with consideration of updated recommendations from the CDC, and in consultation with the council physician, to provide for the safety of all Scouts and their families. Unit program should be conducted in accordance with current guidelines from the state and CDC with approval of the unit's chartered organization and subject to the current COVID-19 protocols of any meeting/activity facility. We encourage unit leadership to review these recommendations to determine how to safely operate and plan the best path forward.

## 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.

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\* Please contact your District Executive if you have questions or concerns regarding the safe restart of Scouting in your unit.

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### ALL SCOUT UNITS AND SCOUTING ACTIVITIES

#### Health and Safety

1. Families should screen Scouts and Scouters before attending unit functions. Individuals who are not feeling well or experiencing symptoms should not attend.
2. Have a prepared plan to address medical protocol should a Scout or Scouter become ill during a meeting or other activity.
3. Maintain attendance records for both youth and adults at all meetings and functions in the event contact tracing is needed.

#### Meetings & Unit Activities

1. Outdoor meetings and activities are recommended whenever possible. If indoors, try to bring in fresh air by opening windows and doors.
2. Scouts and Scouters should attempt to maintain social distancing at all times.
3. Individuals who are at high risk for severe illness should talk to their healthcare provider about whether they should take additional precautions.
4. Consider small groups like dens and patrols for indoor meetings.

#### Dining & Food Prep

1. 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.
2. Tables and chairs should be set to maximize distance between groups of families or households.

#### Camping

1. One Scout per tent is recommended unless Scouts are from the same household. However, sharing of tents is allowable if necessary. Campers should sleep head to feet and maintain as much space possible.
2. Consider tent size and ventilation when deciding upon tent capacities. Some tents such as summer camp wall tents provide at least 30 square feet per Scout and are more easily adapted to provide ventilation required for camping in these circumstances. Smaller tents such as backpacking tents may not yet be suited for multiple Scouts or Scouters.
3. Troops may camp as groups of any size allowed by the venue.
4. Youth protection procedures must be maintained.

#### Transportation

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Observe the guidelines and other travel restrictions that may be in place at the destination, particularly if it is in another state. Consider staying local to your geographic area and if you must travel, limit mixing with others along the way.

#### Masks and Other Prevention Steps Based On Community Level





1. CDC has released a new tool that helps determine what prevention steps to take based on the latest data regarding COVID-19. Dan Beard Council recommends following these recommendations regarding the wearing of face coverings and other preventative measures.
2. Units should familiarize themselves with and follow the recommendations based upon the county that you're meeting in, and the guidelines of the facility and charter partner in determining if face coverings and other precautions should be taken.
3. COVID-19 Community Level by county and associated recommendations can be found at:

[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html)


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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.
-  3. 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. 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:	<a href="http://health.bcoho.us/">http://health.bcoho.us/</a>	(513) 863-1770
FOR HAMILTON COUNTY:	<a href="https://www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org/">https://www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org/</a>	(513) 946-7800
FOR WARREN COUNTY:	<a href="http://warrenchd.com/">http://warrenchd.com/</a>	(513) 695-2097
FOR CLERMONT COUNTY:	<a href="https://ccphohio.org/">https://ccphohio.org/</a>	(513) 732-7499
FOR BROWN COUNTY:	<a href="https://www.browncountyhealth.org/">https://www.browncountyhealth.org/</a>	(937) 378-6892
FOR BOONE COUNTY:	<a href="https://nkyhealth.org/">https://nkyhealth.org/</a>	(859) 363-2060
FOR KENTON COUNTY:	<a href="https://nkyhealth.org/">https://nkyhealth.org/</a>	(859) 431-3345
FOR CAMPBELL COUNTY:	<a href="https://nkyhealth.org/">https://nkyhealth.org/</a>	(859) 431-1704
FOR GRANT COUNTY:	<a href="https://nkyhealth.org/">https://nkyhealth.org/</a>	(859) 824-5074
FOR GALLATIN COUNTY:	<a href="https://www.trdhd.com/index.aspx">https://www.trdhd.com/index.aspx</a>	(859) 567-2844
FOR OWEN COUNTY:	<a href="https://www.trdhd.com/index.aspx">https://www.trdhd.com/index.aspx</a>	(502) 484-5736
FOR PENDLETON COUNTY:	<a href="https://www.trdhd.com/index.aspx">https://www.trdhd.com/index.aspx</a>	(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/>