

LHC COVID Camping Policy

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Reservations

- Units and groups can now see availability at <http://campreservation.com/527>.
- To make a reservation, units/groups must contact the LHC Camping Department (412-325-7921 or amanda.erickson@scouting.org). The Camping Department will provide COVID safety information. Once the information is received and acknowledged, the unit/group will be issued a one-time reservation code to be able to set up their reservation.
- Facilities are available to rent by Scout units and families
 - For family camping
 - At least one member of the family must be a registered member of the BSA.
 - BSA Youth Protection Training is recommended for all adults.
 - Unregistered adults camping with the family may do so without Youth Protection Training if they are camping less than 72-hours. Over 72-hours, Youth Protection Training is required.

Arrival and Check-In

- Units/groups should check in with the ranger/Campmaster on duty upon arrival unless directed otherwise by the camp.
- All individuals must turn in an LHC COVID Participant Waiver and Hold Harmless during check-in.

COVID Safety During Event Participation

- Prior to travelling, the Pre-Event Medical Screening should be provided to all attendees for review and should be reviewed again with the group prior to leaving for the event.
 - Anyone who does not pass the Pre-Event Medical Screening must stay home.
 - Temperatures should be taken for all individuals.
 - If an individual does not pass the temperature screening, that individual and all others sharing a vehicle with them must be sent home.
- All COVID safety protocols must be followed throughout the event:
 - Social distancing must be practiced as much as possible.
 - Participants must wear a mask/face covering any time they are indoors or outdoors within 6-feet of anyone who is not an immediate family member.
 - Face coverings may be removed indoors when eating and sleeping.
 - Encourage hand washing and use of hand sanitizer often. Units should come prepared with materials for this.
 - Minimize mixing with other groups.
 - Be prepared to regularly clean and sanitize common areas and shared tools/equipment.
 - Dining Safety
 - No self-serve buffets, potluck meals, or common water coolers
 - One masked and gloved individual should be assigned to serve.
 - Single use utensils and service items are recommended.
 - Clean and disinfect eating and cooking gear after each use.

- Make sure to review and follow any other location specific guidelines.

Tent Camping

- Individual tent camping is encouraged to promote social distancing. Only immediate family members should share tents.

Cabin Camping

- LHC Camp cabins will begin to open October 1.
- Cabins will be reduced to half capacity. This capacity will be posted on the door.
 - Groups larger than the set capacity will have the following options
 - Rent additional cabins space to accommodate the group.
 - Set up “overflow” tent camping outside the cabin as space allows.
- Sleeping arrangements in cabins:
 - To encourage social distancing, unavailable bunks will be marked off with caution tape or similar.
 - Each open bunk will be marked indicating where the sleeper’s head should be.
 - Campers should sleep head-to-toe in bunks or cots spaced as far apart as possible.
- Renters will be responsible for sanitizing common surfaces (counters, door handles, light switches, etc.) at least three times per day. Mattresses should be sanitized prior to departure.
 - Spray bottles of sanitizer will be provided in each rented facility.

Other Information

- BSA Youth Protection and Guide to Safe Scouting policies must always be followed.



Restart Scouting Checklist

As always, the safety of our Scouts, volunteers, employees and communities is our top priority. This checklist outlines several minimum guiding protocols that adult leaders/volunteers must consider while working with local and state health departments, local councils, chartered organizations and Scouting families on when and how to resume meetings, service projects, camping and all other official Scouting activities.

If it is not practical to meet these minimal protocols, do not restart in-person activities.

S = Supervision

- Understand local and state guidance on preventing COVID-19 exposure.
- Engage your chartered organization and local council on necessary adjustments.
- Conduct the “before you gather” protocols.

A = Assessment

- Identify participants who fall under the CDC’s group of higher-risk individuals. Notify all participants about the risks of participating since COVID-19 exposure cannot be eliminated.
- Verify that the planned activity, gathering or group sizes are not prohibited by local or state orders.

F = Fitness and Skill

- Review Annual Health and Medical Records and consider using a [pre-event screening](#) for all participants.

E = Equipment and Environment

- Verify that handwashing, hygiene and cleaning supplies are available and used properly.
- Monitor social distancing, interactions and sharing of equipment and food among participants.
- Monitor participants for changing health conditions.
- Use the “as you gather” protocols.

SAFE ≠ Risk-Free

As the response to the pandemic shifts to a state-focused, phased approach, the Boy Scouts of America advises local councils to consult with their local and state health departments, as well as local chartered partners, to implement appropriate protocols to help keep our members, volunteers and employees safe.

Precautions and mitigation strategies are important, but they cannot eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness when in-person activities resume.

People with COVID-19 may show no signs or symptoms of illness, but they can spread the virus. Some people may be contagious before their symptoms occur. The fact is that someone with COVID-19 may pass the required health screenings and be allowed into program activities.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. If you are in this group, please ensure you have approval from your health care provider prior to resuming in-person Scouting activities.

Every member, volunteer and family must evaluate their unique circumstances and make an informed decision before attending in-person activities.

We hope this information will be helpful as you make that choice.

For updates, please monitor <https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus>

Before you gather:

- Consult** your council and chartered organization to understand community standards and protocols in place.
- Communicate** to all parents and youth that the Boy Scouts of America recommends that no one in the higher-risk category take part in person. Continue to engage virtually.
- Communicate** that anyone who feels sick must [stay home](#). If you become sick or develop symptoms, isolate yourself then go home and seek care.
- Educate and train** all participants on appropriate social distancing, [cleaning and disinfecting](#), [hand hygiene](#) and [respiratory \(cough or sneeze\) etiquette](#) before meeting for the first time. Periodically reinforce the behaviors as needed.
- Before attending**, upon arrival and at least daily for longer events, all participants [should be screened](#) for any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
 - **Cough**
 - **Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing**
 - **Chills**
 - **Repeated shaking with chills**
 - **Muscle pain**
 - **Headache**
 - **Sore throat**
 - **Loss of taste or smell**
 - **Diarrhea**
 - **Feeling feverish or having a temperature greater than or equal to 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit**
 - **Known close contact with a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19**
- As appropriate**, participants should have [face coverings](#) available to wear when gathering or when in public areas or venues. Several coverings per person may be needed.
- Communicate** that those who take part in person should avoid contact with higher-risk individuals for 14 days after the event.

As you gather:

- Minimize group sizes.** Small groups of participants who stay together all day every day, remain [6 feet apart](#) and do not share objects are at the lowest risk. Think of a den or patrol that does not mix or gather with other dens or patrols, with supervision that stays with the small group. *Scouting's [Barriers to Abuse](#) always apply.*
- Stay local** to your geographic area and groups for unit activities. If you must travel, limit mixing with others along the way.
- Minimize mixing** with parents or siblings unless they are part of the unit activity. For example, the same parent picks up and drops off youth, and stays in the car. No guests or visitors who have not been through the pre-gathering protocols and screening should take part.
- Have hand sanitizer**, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available for use at meetings, activities and campouts.
- Minimize the use** of common areas and shared tools. If unavoidable, they should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected between uses.
- Develop dining protocols** (including but not limited to):
 - No self-serve buffet meals or common water coolers.
 - Use of disposable utensils, napkins, cups and plates.
 - Clean and disinfect eating and cooking gear after each use.
- Develop tenting protocols** for the group:
 - Minimize use of fans or devices that stir the air.
 - Campers should sleep head-to-toe in bunks or cots spaced as far apart as possible.
 - Individual tents, hammocks and bivys may be considered.
- During program activities:**
 - Equipment that must be shared should be disinfected before and after each use.
 - Where possible, assign activity-related protective equipment for the duration of an event to a single individual (life jacket, gloves, harness).
 - Effective handwashing before and after each program area use.
- In case of an injury or illness**, promptly report the incident, including COVID-19 exposures. Utilize [Incident Reporting Resources](#), including COVID-19 instructions.

When you get home:

- Avoid contact** with higher-risk individuals for 14 days.
 - Monitor** for any signs of illness for 14 days, and
- Communicate** with your unit leadership should you develop symptoms.

Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist

Use this checklist to assist in identifying potentially communicable diseases before event participation.

The intent of this checklist is to review with each youth and adult participant their current health status, both before departure and upon arrival at the event. Anyone entering a camp or event — including visitors, vendors, etc. — should be screened using this checklist.

- Yes No Have you been in contact with anyone who has COVID-19 or is otherwise sick?
- Yes No Have you or anyone you have been in close contact with traveled on a cruise ship, internationally, or to an area with a known communicable disease outbreak in the last 14 days?

If the answer is “yes” to either of these questions, the participant must stay home.

- Yes No Are you in a higher-risk category as defined by the CDC guidelines?
If the answer is “yes” to this question, we recommend that you stay home. Should you choose to participate, you must have approval from your healthcare provider and then proceed to the symptom decision tree below.

If the above answers are “no,” proceed to this symptom decision tree.

