Guidelines to Restart Scouting Safely

REVISED PLAN NOW AVAILABLE!

The COVID-19 crisis has indeed been a challenging one to navigate. So many of us are longing for life...and our Scouting life...to return to normal. Since our early days dealing with the pandemic, our council has taken a position of safety for the care and protection of the young people and the families in our collective charge. I appreciate the overwhelming support and enthusiasm so many of our adult leaders and youth showed as we pivoted our programs to a virtual Scouting experience. I've also appreciated the passion that is woven into the fabric of us as Scouts for the outdoors and the sense to do the right thing even when nobody is looking.

A REVISED PLAN...SCOUT ON AND SCOUT SAFELY!

Each week a dedicated group of volunteers and staff have been meeting, monitoring the landscape and helping our council make decisions amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Through much discussion with local and state health officials, our council’s COVID-19 Task Force has a revised ‘Restart Scouting Safely’ plan for our units. This plan comes from the bones of our previous plan, however it gives enhanced guidance for activities and procedures based around a county's 'Risk of Spread level (1-4). Additionally, this plan provides mitigation protocols for overnight experiences, food preparation, and reporting detail in the event of a COVID-19 exposure during a Scouting meeting, activity or camping experience.

We encourage the continued movement to allow Scouts to meet again in a safe manner, observing these guidelines as you restart your Scouting experience. Please CLICK HERE to review the guidelines to safely restart Scouting in your unit. The National BSA Organization has offered additional guidance for a safe restart and that can be found by CLICKING HERE.

Should you have questions regarding the safe restart of Scouting in your unit, please email by CLICKING HERE.
On behalf of the COVID-19 Task Force, thank you for your patience and for your Scout spirit during these trying time. We wish you and your family all the best of health and wellness.

Scout On!!!

Jeff Schiavone
Scout Executive

CLICK HERE FOR THE REVISED RESTART SCOUTING SAFELY PLAN
RESTART SCOUTING SAFELY PLANNING GUIDE

Develop your Scout Unit's COVID-19 ‘Restart Scouting Safely’ plan with your unit committee.

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. Parents are highly encouraged to ask their unit leadership questions about the unit's plan to restart Scouting safely and a unit should NOT begin meeting if social distancing can be assured.

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 DIAMOND COUNTY: http://www.diamonddo.comhealth (437) 548-4196
   - FOR PRIBLE COUNTY: http://www.problecountyhealth.org (437) 672-1001
   - FOR MIAMI COUNTY: http://www.miamicountyhealthnet (437) 573-3500
   - FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY: http://www.miamicountyhealthnet (437) 573-3500
   - FOR SHELELY COUNTY: http://www.chamberscountyhealth.org (437) 686-7289
4. Notify your local Scouting professional. Contact names, phone numbers and e-mails can be found at http://www.wisconsinvalleysbsa.org/About/Contact/

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

*Restart Scouting Safety Planning Guide is subject to change with updated COVID-19 guidance from local, state, and federal sources.

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