

Troop 54 Camping Covid-19 Personal Safety Protocol

Statement: Outdoor activity and camping specifically, is a key element of the Scouting Program. This communication is intended to provide information, convey policies and prepare Troop 54 participants to attend a camp-out or other events during code Yellow COVID-19 conditions.

Important Disclaimer: *The health and safety of our scouts, adult leaders, adult volunteers, and their families are always our primary concern. Precautions cannot fully eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness while camping. Persons with COVID-19 may show no signs or symptoms of illness, but can still spread the virus, and people may be contagious before their symptoms occur. It is possible that someone with COVID-19 may pass the required health screenings and be allowed into camp.*

Every Scouting family, and Adult leader / volunteer must evaluate their unique circumstances and make their own informed / no pressure decision to attend weekend camp-out (or not).

Pre-Campout Planning

- **Required Participant Screening:** 2 days prior to travel, Troop 54 will require each scout and adult participants to complete the required COVID Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist (see below). The document must be submitted upon arrival / check-in at the camp site. A single checklist can be submitted for multiple members of the same family / household.
- **Illness Restrictions:** Sick individuals are not eligible to attend Camp.
- **Temperature Restrictions:** Individuals with elevated temperatures, above 100.4, are not eligible to attend Camp.
- **Chronic Medical Conditions:** Individuals with serious, chronic, medical conditions should seek medical advice from their physician prior to attending any campout.
- **Exposure Restrictions:** Participants who have been exposed to COVID-19 in the last 1-14 days are not eligible to attend Camp unless they have been tested and cleared of COVID-19.
- **Hand Sanitizer Requirement:** The Troop requires each participant to bring sufficient hand sanitizer to last for the duration of the campout.
- **Facial Covering Requirement:** The Troop also requires each person to bring a facial covering. Facial coverings must be worn anytime a participant is in common areas where they might encounter others, including campout activities, and waiting to enter or after exiting restrooms, and especially any enclosed pavilions.
- **Unit Leadership:** Each patrol must elect/assign a youth member to act as the Sanitation Chief for the duration of the campout. Responsibilities will include instructing/reminding patrol members to:
 - Socially distance from other patrol members, adults, etc.,
 - Not touch their eyes, nose, mouth,
 - Wash hands and use hand sanitizer,
 - Always wear facial coverings, and
 - Sanitize common equipment and tools (including patrol's 5-gallon water jug).

- **Travel to/from the Camp Site:** Traveling to weekend camp-out sites will require parents to bring their own scout. Carpooling is NOT allowed, except with members of the same patrol. Parents can drop their scout off at camp and depart after their scout has safely been checked in. Parents should arrive for pick-up at least 30 minutes in advance of scheduled departure time, and practice General Personal Hygiene (as outlined below) while there.
- **Camp Check-in:** will be conducted by the Camp Master and/or Scout Master. They will collect the completed Medical Screening Checklist, take temperatures, and ensure fitting of each participant's face mask (per Face Mask guidelines below).

Protocols While at the Campout

- **Participation Model and Patrol Distancing:** Each patrol and its adult leaders will remain distanced from the rest of the Troop for the entirety of the campout. The patrols will participate in all camp activities and meals as a unit (or cohorts). At Troop activities like flags and campfire, patrols will remain together as a cohort, but maintain extended separation from the other cohorts, patrols and/or other adult leaders or volunteers. Patrol members will still practice social distancing at all times within their patrol, as well as continue General Personal Hygiene as outlined below at all times.
- **Tenting:** Participants camping outdoors will use individual tents and not share tenting accommodations, except with siblings if in the same patrol.
- **Activities:** Will be conducted by patrols. New patrols may be established to better pair skill advancements needs based on scout choosing to participate that weekend. Common equipment and tools that may be used during the activity will be sanitized between uses by patrol members.
- **Activity Leaders Special Pre-cautions :** Activity leader(s) will be the only person(s) who may come in proximity of possibly all participants at the campout, and therefore should take extra precautions not to be a conduit for COVID-19 spread
- **Meals:** Each participant can elect to a) plan, purchase, transport and prepare their own meals, or b) join their Patrol in Patrol Style Meals. Patrol Meals will adhere to guidelines as follow:
 - One single grub-master will be assigned per Patrol of 6 to 8 scouts (or could do smaller groups within patrols but no switching groups during the campout)
 - Grubmaster is the only one allowed to touch the food, but 1 to 2 Assistants can help with clean-up using the three-pot method
 - Grubmaster must wear mask and gloves at all times while cooking
 - Grubmaster must wash hands before and after removing gloves when finished cooking and serving the food. Never touch face
 - Only the Grubmaster serves the food to other Scouts. No one else touches serving utensils except the Assistants, and Assistant then only touch utensils for clean-up
 - Whether eating own or Patrol style meals:

- Disposable plates and utensils should be used by all
 - All meals should be hot whenever possible
 - Everyone must be sitting down when mask is off and eating. If anyone needs to get up, their mask must be put back on. Masks ONLY come-off when sitting and eating
- PASM closely observe (and intervene as necessary) Grubmaster and Patrol to ensure guidelines are followed.
- **Health check:** The troop will conduct once daily checks on all participants. If participants exhibit any of the following symptoms, they will be isolated, and parent contacted to return home. Symptoms checked include:
 - Shortness of breath
 - New or worsening dry cough
 - Fever of 100.4° or greater
 - Flu-like symptoms
 - Vomiting
 - Diarrhea
 - Unexplained extreme fatigue or muscle aches
 - Rash
 - Sore throat
 - Open sore
- **General Personal Hygiene / Cleanliness:** Participants will:
 - Wash their hands using soap and water and use hand sanitizer when needed.
 - Wear facial coverings when near others (see Face Mask guidelines below).
 - Avoid touching the eyes, nose and mouth.
 - Wipe down common surfaces before and after use (e.g. door handles, toilet and sink handles, table-tops, chair arms, oars, etc.)
- **Face Mask / Covering Guidelines:**
 - All scouts and adult participants are required to wear face coverings at all times except while eating or drinking
 - Masks must have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric
 - Participants can also wear two-layer paper disposable, surgical masks (but not N95 respirators)
 - The mask must completely cover the nose and mouth and fit snugly against the sides of participants face without gaps
 - Masks should NOT have valves.

T54 Participant Name, or Name of Household/Family: _____

Model COVID-19 Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist

Use this checklist to assist in identifying potential COVID-19 cases before event participation.

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. – must be screened.**

Councils should customize with input from their council health supervisor and local health department.

- Yes No Have you or has anyone in your household been in [close contact*](#) in the past 14 days with anyone known or suspected to have COVID-19 or is otherwise sick?
- Yes No Have you or has anyone in your household been in [close contact*](#) with anyone who has been tested for COVID-19 and is waiting for results?
- Yes No Have you or has anyone in your household been sick in the past 14 days, or have you or they been tested for any illness and are waiting for results?
- Yes No Has anyone in your household been exposed to an individual known or suspected to have COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- Yes No Have you or has anyone you have been in [close contact*](#) with traveled on a cruise ship or internationally or to an area with a known communicable disease outbreak in the past 14 days?

***According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), “close contact” means:**

- You were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period
- You had direct physical contact with an infected person (hugged or kissed them)
- You shared eating or drinking utensils
- An infected person sneezed, coughed, or otherwise got respiratory droplets on you

If the answer is YES to any one of the five questions above, the participant must stay home.

If all answers above are NO, proceed to the symptoms list below.

Symptoms of COVID-19

*If anyone in your household has **any one** of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19, the entire household must stay home.*

- Shortness of breath**
- Cough**
- Fever of 100.0° or greater**
- Flu-like symptoms**
- Repeated shaking with chills**
- Fatigue**
- Muscle or body aches**
- Headache**
- Sore throat**
- Loss of taste or smell**
- Diarrhea**
- Nausea or vomiting**

****Potential Higher-Risk Individuals****

- Yes No Are you in a higher-risk category as defined by the [CDC guidelines](#), including older adults, people with medical conditions, and those with other individual circumstances?

If the answer is “yes,” we recommend that you stay home.

Should you choose to participate, you must have approval from your health care provider.

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