



UNIT PROGRAM RESOURCE

Planning Safe Activities During a Pandemic



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UNIT PROGRAM PLAN CHECKLIST

STEP 1

Make
a
unit plan.

STEP 2

Communicate
with
your unit.

STEP 3

Have a
fun and safe
meeting/activity.

STEP 4

Review
and
adjust.



State and Local GUIDELINES

When planning to engage in any sort of activity, it is important to ensure that you are following all State and local guidelines. The Narragansett Council also have guidance for safe outings and meetings. In the event that these guidelines conflict, the stricter regulation is the one that will be followed.

As part of the local guidelines that need to be consider, units should contact their Charter Organization to learn what requirements they have in place. Even if a unit is not planning to meet at their Charter Organization's facility, they must follow their guidelines as well.

The State guidelines that need to be followed are:

- Maintain 6 feet of distance between all participants.
- Meetings indoors are limited in size by state.*
- Meetings outdoors are limited in size by state.*
- Health checks/screening done at every gathering
- Mask must be worn at all indoor gatherings, and any outdoor activities where 6 feet of distance cannot be maintained.
- A log book recording each participant with contact information for every activity and gathering should be maintained.

*The current Rhode Island guidelines can be found at <https://reopeningri.com/>

*The current Massachusetts guidelines can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-public-health-guidance-and-directives>

*The current Connecticut guidelines can be found at <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Covid-19-Knowledge-Base/Latest-Guidance>

*The Narragansett Council also has guidance specific to Scouting activities which can be found at <http://www.narragansettbsa.org/about-us/scouting-news/coronavirus-information/72732>



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Establishing A Unit Program Plan

POSSIBLE MEETING STRUCTURES

Some of our usual meeting places will not be available this year, so your unit needs to verify that you will have a place to meet or find a new location, if necessary.

If your unit is searching for an alternate meeting location, consider the type of meeting you want to hold. Dens and patrols, if smaller than 10 in number including leaders and adults (as of this printing on 9/3/20) can meet in homes, libraries, garages, churches, etc. Larger meetings (packs, troops, crews, ships and posts) may need to meet outdoors or online to accommodate their larger numbers.

Units are encouraged to meet outside. Scouts and scouters love the outdoors! With proper preparation, most scout meetings can be held outside, even in inclement weather. A simple dining fly and propane heater can provide an adventurous meeting location.

Your unit can use many online resources to help scouts connect virtually. Visit our Council website at <http://www.narragansettbsa.org/camping-activities/virtual-scouting/72761> for a collection of online tips, tools, and activities. Additional national resources such as den meeting videos are available at scouting.org.

Many schools and other organizations require users to submit a COVID-19 safety plan for their group or activity. The template at the end of this guide will at least provide a starting point.

INDOOR VS. OUTDOOR GUIDELINES

Due to the different (and ever-changing) guidelines for indoor and outdoor activities, it is important to evaluate the different social distancing measures for both settings. Check your state requirements for current maximum number for inside and outdoor activities. All groups should be “stable” groups, meaning composed of the same scouts and leaders each week. Multiple groups with the maximum number of participants can meet indoors as long as the groups do not mix and are socially distanced from each other— i.e. in separate rooms or at opposite corners of the hall. Although outside meeting can accommodate a larger stable group number, the same applies for multiple groups meeting together— it is possible as long as the groups do not intermingle and a distance of 20 feet can be maintained between the groups.

Units should ask these questions when preparing for each activity:

1. How many participants will attend this meeting?
2. What is the capacity of the facility we would like to use based on the guidelines?
3. How will social distancing be enforced and maintained at this event?
4. What activities are possible while following these guidelines?



TRANSPORTATION

For Unit meetings and outings, the best practice is to encourage only members of the same household to ride together. Any other arrangements are at the discretion of individual parents. **It is vital that drop off and pick up should not involve any congregating or grouping of adults and/or youth participants!**

If sharing a vehicle, masks should be worn at all times and passengers should sit as far apart as possible. Surfaces should be sanitized both before and after the trip.

DINING

If your unit will be serving food, it is very important to take steps to limit the risks of spread. These best practices will help you safely limit the risk:

Clean and disinfect common surfaces between groups

Although not the usual Scouting way, use of disposable dinnerware, cookware, and utensils is encouraged at this time.

Keep everyone 6 feet apart– maintain social distancing at all times.

For large groups, stagger meal times to minimize the number of people dining inside at one time.

Assign seats for the duration of the meal.

Avoid buffet-style, salad bars, self-service, table, counter food service, and other configurations that require diners to use shared utensils.

Prioritize use of “grab-n-go” serviced (i.e. boxed meals), in which meals are packaged or assembled on a tray for diners to retrieve or plate meals individually.

Discontinue the use of beverage dispensers (e.g., fountain drink dispensers, common milk pitchers, etc.). Arrange bottles of beverage choices along a table or counter for diners to retrieve.

When serving meals, designate one or two servers to plate or prepare food for serving. Designated servers should have freshly washed/sanitized hand, wear gloves & face-masks and not contaminate gloves by touching other surfaces (i.e. their face, hair, or prep counter, etc.).

Discontinue the use of shared condiments. Offer condiment packets along with the meal. Post signs reminding diners of the guidelines such as handwashing, maintaining social distance, using assigned seats, etc.

Remember the following points for serving any food:

1. Plan a menu that limits shared utensils.
2. Maintain social distancing throughout the meal for everyone except family units.
3. Disinfect and sanitize regularly.
4. Remind and reinforce guidelines.



TENTING

Camping is a major part of Scouting, but socially distancing in multi-person tents presents some obvious challenges. The best practice is to tent individually or with members of the same household. If larger tents are shared, social distancing should be maintained (6ft between sleeping bags) and head-to-toe sleeping is preferred, if this is the only option for your Scouts. As previously stated, Individual tents, or hammocks, and bivys are recommended for all participants as the safest method of camping.

As always, Youth Protection guidelines must be followed at all times.

Units should consider the following for each activity:

1. Verify camping facilities/capacity.
2. Verify participant count.
3. Verify that the unit and facility have the capacity for all participants to tent while socially distanced. If the answer is “no”, then a new locations needs to be found.



PROGRAM SAFETY

Every activity should be evaluated for safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. Not all activities that have been safe in Scouting will be safe during the pandemic. It is also important to remember that “safe” does not mean risk-free. Factors to consider when choosing an activity should include the ability of all participants to maintain the mandated social distance of six feet, the necessity (or lack thereof) to share equipment, and ease of sanitizing any equipment that must be shared between use.

Every activity should be evaluated for the following:

1. Can all participants stay 6 feet apart? Yes ___ No ___
2. Will each participant have their own equipment to use? Yes ___ No ___
3. Can shared equipment be sanitized? Yes ___ No ___
4. Can food be shared by individual households only? Yes ___ No ___
5. Is frequent handwashing/sanitizing possible? Yes ___ No ___

Any “NO” answer indicates a change of plans is needed.



CHOOSING ACTIVITIES THAT FIT YOUR PLAN

Now that your unit has developed its COVID plan and secured a place to meet, it is time to actually plan your in-person activities. Start brainstorming fun activities or re-think creative ways to offer meetings and activities that were cancelled due to COVID. Remember to evaluate your ideas against the protocols and considerations of your unit's plan.

Organizers should answer these questions for each meeting, activity or outing:

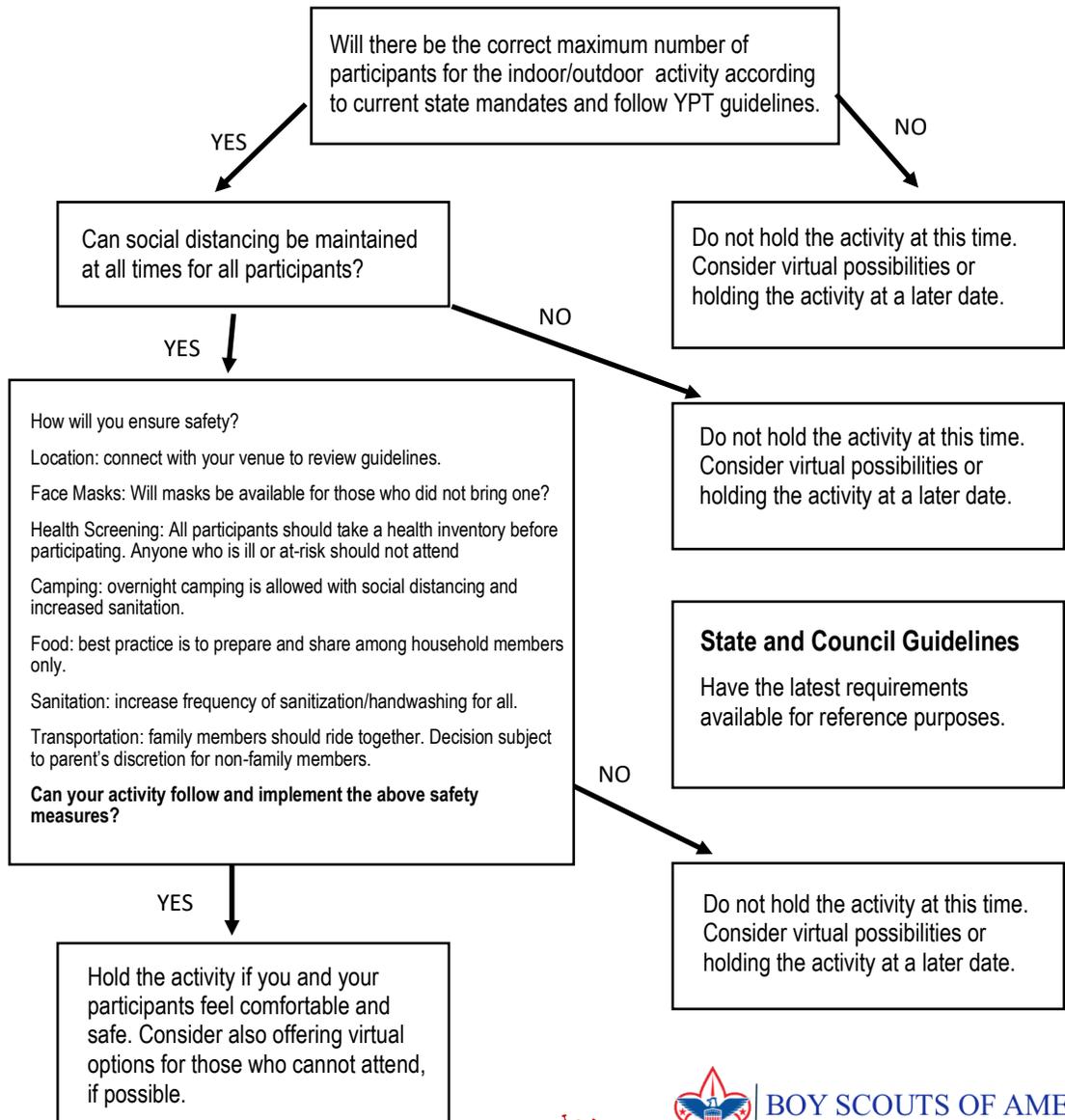
Is this meeting/activity compatible with your unit's COVID plan? Yes ___ No ___

What extra precautions will need to be taken? _____

Can this meeting/activity be offered in a hybrid method? Yes ___ No ___

Use the flow chart below to help guide your decision-making.

Can my unit hold our meeting, activity, or outing?



ALL ABOUT FACE COVERINGS

As of September 4, 2020, State guidelines mandate the wearing of face coverings for all gatherings of persons not from the same household.

The executive order states that anyone, “who is in a place open to the public, whether indoors or outdoors, shall cover their mouth and nose with a mask or cloth face covering.” There are exceptions for young children and people with disabilities or underlying health conditions.



Please check current local guidelines for changes to this executive order.



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HYGIENE STATIONS

Units should develop a Hygiene station to be used at every event. Depending on the type of activity, this could be a location for hand sanitizer, a designated hand washing sink, or a “camp sink” like the one found here:

<https://www.instructables.com/id/Camp-Sink-Temporary-Hand-Washing-Station/>

For events that are longer in duration, or involve any activity that will soil hands, it is recommended that a hand washing option be available.

Before each activity, organizers should ensure that these steps are followed:

- 1. Determine if handwashing or sanitizing is ideal for this activity.
- 2. If hand washing is preferred, determine if the activity location has suitable facilities.
- 3. If suitable handwashing facilities are not available, determine how to construct a substitute.
- 4. Establish a plan to clearly mark and notify families of the location of each hygiene station.

PRE-EVENT SCREENING

All participants should complete a screening checklist before participation in an activity.

Before each event, organizers should ensure these steps are followed:

- 1. All potential participants should receive the screening checklist at least 48 hours prior to the event.
- 2. All potential participants should be reminded to bring their completed screening checklist for review prior to the event.
- 3. Units should print and bring extra copies of screening checklist to the event.
- 4. Units must collect a screening checklist from every individual present or conform that a screening checklist has been completed by each individual present.
- 5. The Narragansett Council also requires that participants sign a COVID 19 Participant Inherent Risk Statement/Waiver in acknowledgement that although events will be run safely, there is still an inherent risk of infection for participants.

COMMUNICATION PLAN

Units should establish a communication plan to ensure that all adults are aware of procedures before any in-person activity, are reminded of protocols before each activity, and are aware of ways that they can participate in-person and through virtual means.

A communication plan should address the following topics:

- 1. How will communications be sent to parents and leaders?
- 2. When will communications be sent?
- 3. Who will send communications about a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19?
- 4. Who should parents contact if they have a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19?
- 5. How will alternate ways of participation be communicated to families?



COVID-19

ASSUMPTION OF EXPOSURE AND INHERENT RISK, RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, AND DECLARATION

I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian of the child named below, hereby consent to my and/or my child's participation in an Official Scout Activity ("Scout Activity") during the COVID-19 pandemic and agree to the following:

COVID-19. COVID-19 is a mild to severe upper respiratory disease caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2 ("COVID-19"). Experts have said that people 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. Someone with COVID-19 may pass the required health screenings and be allowed into camp or the activity.

We also know the very nature of Scouting activities and camp makes social distancing and use of face masks difficult in many situations and impossible in others. We cannot ensure that all participants will follow all guidelines at all times.

Potential Exposure. I understand that COVID-19 is considered highly contagious and is primarily spread from person to person, including asymptomatic persons. COVID-19 is more likely to be spread when people are within approximately six feet of one another. I understand that while attending a Scout Activity, I and/or my child may be within six feet of other people.

Inherent Risks. Exposure to COVID-19 includes certain risks, not all of which can be described herein, but may include coughing, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fever, chills, shaking, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, pain or pressure in the chest, confusion, inability to wake, and death. The Boy Scouts of America, Narragansett Council (NC) has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, NC cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending Scouting activities or NC properties could increase your risk and your child(ren)'s risk of contracting COVID-19.

Assumption of COVID-19 Exposure and Inherent Risks. I have read the previous statements regarding COVID-19 exposure and risks ("COVID-19 Exposure") inherent in attending a Scout Activity. I understand and appreciate the COVID-19 Exposure risk inherent in attending a Scout Activity and that health-related reactions may manifest as a result of attending a Scout Activity. I agree that my attendance and or my child's attendance at a Scout Activity is voluntary and hereby knowingly assume the risk of any and all COVID-19 Exposure.

Every staff member, volunteer, Scouting and non-Scouting family has to evaluate their unique circumstances and make an informed decision before attending Scouting activities or camp. We hope this information will be helpful as you make that choice.

Waiver, Release, and Indemnification. In consideration of being allowed to participate in a Scout Activity and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which I hereby acknowledge, and on behalf of my child and myself, and our respective estates, heirs, and assigns, I knowingly, and with informed consent, do hereby waive, release, agree to defend and indemnify, and shall hold harmless the Boy Scouts of America, the Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America, my Unit and Chartering Organization, and all of their respective executives, employees, officers, volunteers, agents, owners, affiliates, directors, partners, managers, members, and agents (collectively, "Released Parties") from and against all demands, claims, losses, injury, damages, liability, attorneys' fees, costs, and/or expenses of litigation, in law or in equity, whether known or unknown, that have arisen or may arise from any COVID-19 Exposure and my participation in the Scout Activity that involve any damage, loss, or injury to me and or my child. I promise not to sue any of the Released Parties for any such demands, claims, or liability. This waiver, release, indemnification agreement, and promise not to sue shall apply to any and all claims of negligence, but does not apply to any claims of criminal conduct, gross negligence, or willful conduct.

This document is revocable, prospectively only, by a writing signed by me that bears the date the revocation is delivered to the above-mentioned Council.

Please Print

Child's Name (if applicable) _____ Date _____

Adult Leader, Volunteer, or Parent/Legal Guardian of Child _____

Signature of Adult Leader, Volunteer, or Participant, Parent/Legal Guardian of Child _____

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Please note that this form should be kept on file for one year from date and is required to be reviewed/renewed annually. It is not required for participants to complete additional forms in the interim where there is one already on file within the year of signature. It will be required for participants to complete a new form when attending an activity at a location where said document is not on file.



REOPENING RI

COVID-19 Screening Tool

Recommended tool to screen employees, clients, and/or visitors for symptoms of COVID-19.

SYMPTOMS

HAVE YOU HAD ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS IN THE PAST THREE DAYS THAT ARE NOT EXPLAINED BY ALLERGIES OR A NON-INFECTIOUS CAUSE?	YES	NO
COUGH		
SHORTNESS OF BREATH OR DIFFICULTY BREATHING		
FEVER OR CHILLS		
MUSCLE OR BODY ACHES		
SORE THROAT		
HEADACHE		
NAUSEA OR VOMITING		
DIARRHEA		
RUNNY NOSE OR STUFFY NOSE		
FATIGUE		
RECENT LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL		

RISK FACTORS

	YES	NO
Have you been in close contact (less than six feet) with anyone with COVID-19 or symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days? ¹		
Have you traveled anywhere outside the 50 United States in the past 14 days?		
Have you traveled to Rhode Island for a non-work-related purpose from another city, town, county, or state that currently has a stay-at-home restriction, a shelter-in-place restriction, or a similar restriction, declaration, or announcement due to a COVID-19 outbreak? ²		
Have you been directed to quarantine or isolate by the Rhode Island Department of Health or a healthcare provider in the past 14 days? If so, when does/did your quarantine or isolation period end?		
<p>IF YOU HAVE ANSWERED "YES" TO ANY OF THE QUESTIONS ABOVE, AND YOU CANNOT EXPLAIN THESE SYMPTOMS BY KNOWN ALLERGIES OR NON-INFECTIOUS ILLNESSES, THEN YOU CANNOT ENTER THIS BUILDING FOR THE SAFETY OF OTHERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees: Please contact your supervisor and your Human Resources representative. • Visitors: Please call to discuss when you can return to this facility. 		

¹ Does not apply to people who come into contact with people with symptoms of COVID-19 during the course of their daily work while wearing full and appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE). See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/evidence-risk-assessment-hcp.html> for more information.

² Public health, public safety, and healthcare workers are exempt. Does not apply to anyone traveling for medical treatment, to attend funeral or memorial services, to obtain necessities like groceries, gas, or medication, to drop off or pick up children from day care, or to anyone who must work on their boats.

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Massachusetts Self-screening checklists

- Have you tested positive for or have been clinically diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 14 days?
- Are you currently experiencing, or have experienced within the last 3 days, symptoms of COVID-19, such as:
 - fever or chills
 - sore throat
 - new symptoms of a severe cough
 - shortness of breath
 - severe muscle pain
 - headache
 - loss of taste or smell
 - extreme fatigue
 - nausea, diarrhea, or vomiting
- Have you been advised to self-quarantine by a medical professional within the last 14 days?
- Have you been required to quarantine under the Mandatory 14 Day Quarantine Requirement for Travelers Arriving in Massachusetts
(See [Guidance for Travelers arriving in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts](#))?
- Do you live with someone who has tested positive for or has been clinically diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 14 days?
- Are you awaiting COVID-19 test results or live with someone who is awaiting COVID-19 test results?

COVID-19 Daily Self Checklist



Do you have a fever (temperature over 100.3°F) without having taken any fever reducing medications?

- Yes
- No

Loss of Smell or Taste?

- Yes
- No

Muscle Aches?

- Yes
- No

Sore Throat?

- Yes
- No

Cough?

- Yes
- No

Shortness of Breath?

- Yes
- No

Chills?

- Yes
- No

Headache?

- Yes
- No

Have you experienced any gastrointestinal symptoms such as nausea/ vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite?

- Yes
- No

Have you, or anyone you have been in close contact with been diagnosed with COVID-19, or been placed on quarantine for possible contact with COVID-19?

- Yes
- No

Have you been asked to self-isolate or quarantine by a medical professional or a local public health official?

- Yes
- No

If your answer is "YES" to one or more of the above questions, you cannot participate at this time.

Covid-19 Daily Self-Screening Questions

- Do you have a **fever** (temperature over 100.4° F or 38° C) without having taken any fever-reducing medications?
- Do you have a **loss of smell or taste**?
- Do you have a **cough**?
- Do you have **muscle aches**?
- Do you have a **sore throat**?
- Do you have **shortness of breath**?
- Do you have **chills**?
- Do you have a new or unusual **headache**?
- Have you experienced new onset of any **gastrointestinal symptoms** such as nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of appetite in the last few days?
- Have you, or anyone you have been in close contact with, been **diagnosed with Covid-19 or placed in quarantine** for possible exposure to Covid-19 within the last two weeks?
- Have you been **asked to self-isolate or quarantine** by a medical professional or a local public health official within the last two weeks?

If you reply **YES** to any of the questions on the checklist, stay home.

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- Do you have **muscle aches**?
- Do you have a **sore throat**?
- Do you have **shortness of breath**?
- Do you have **chills**?
- Do you have a new or unusual **headache**?
- Have you experienced new onset of any **gastrointestinal symptoms** such as nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of appetite in the last few days?
- Have you, or anyone you have been in close contact with, been **diagnosed with Covid-19 or placed in quarantine** for possible exposure to Covid-19 within the last two weeks?
- Have you been **asked to self-isolate or quarantine** by a medical professional or a local public health official within the last two weeks?

IDENTIFYING HIGH-RISK INDIVIDUALS

Currently, information indicates that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Those considered at high-risk are people aged 65 years and older, people who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility, and people of all ages with underlying medical conditions, especially if not well-controlled, including:

Anyone with:

- Chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
- Serious heart conditions
- Immune-compromised issues
- Severe obesity (BMI of 40 or higher)
- Diabetes
- Chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
- Liver disease

People in high-risk categories should not participate in in-person activities but are encouraged to participate online.



Communicating with your Families

Once you have decided to hold in-person meetings, it is essential to communicate clearly with families in your unit. In Step 2, you created a communication plan, now it is time to let families know exactly what that plan is— you need to communicate your communication plan!

In this ever-changing environment, it is important to ensure that families know all of the details of your unit's program plan to help them feel comfortable with the safety of the program and to help them have the answers before they ask you the questions.

When communicating with families, it is important to include these elements:

- Your complete unit program plan
- Your unit's program calendar
- Your plan for alternate participation for anyone who is uncomfortable or unable to participate in person
- The specifics of your sanitization plan
- The health screening questionnaire
- The COVID-19 Participant Inherent Risk Statement/Waiver
- Your communication plan if an activity needs to be changed or rescheduled
- Your communication plan if a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case arises
- Remind families that "safe" does not mean "risk-free"
- Remind families that high-risk individuals should take extra precautions, or reconsider in-person participation



Meeting Implementation

FOLLOW UNIT COVID PLANS & REINFORCE GUIDELINES

At the beginning of every meeting, it is important to make sure that everyone is aware of the unit's COVID plan and to remind everyone of relevant considerations for that meeting. The plan only works if it is enforced, so it is everyone's responsibility to monitor and reinforce the guidelines throughout the meeting.

MONITORING FOR COVID DURING AND AFTER MEETINGS

People with COVID-19 may show no signs or symptoms of illness, but they can still 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 screening and be allowed into program activities.

Symptoms of COVID-19 to watch for:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Chills
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- Fatigue
- Congestion
- Loss of taste or smell
- Less common symptoms include nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea



Take the following steps to help catch possible cases and prevent the spread of COVID:

1. Monitor participants for changing health conditions and symptoms of COVID during all meetings.
2. Remind participants that they should avoid high-risk individuals during the next 14 days.
3. Remind participants to monitor for symptoms and notify a leader if they are diagnosed within 14 days.

Review and Adjust

After your unit has had an activity and put its COVID plan to the test, it is important to review and adjust the plan as necessary to keep everyone safe. State, local, and Council guidelines will continue to change as well, so stay informed with latest updates.

After each meeting, ask the following questions:

1. Did everyone understand the plan? Yes _____ NO _____
2. Did everyone follow the plan/guidelines? Yes _____ NO _____
3. Was the plan effective? Yes _____ NO _____
4. Have state, local, and/or Council guidelines changed? Yes _____ NO _____

Following assessing your meeting plan, make adjustments as needed and communicate any changes to your families for future meetings.

WHAT IF SOMEONE IN YOUR UNIT TESTS POSITIVE?

Even when all precautions are taken and guidelines are followed, a COVID case may still occur. In the event that this does happen, swift and appropriate follow-up will be required.

1. Contact the Narragansett Council to report a positive test result. Please have ready your participation log for contact tracing. To report a positive COVID-19 case, please visit [NCBSA.org/Covidreport](https://www.ncbsa.org/Covidreport).
2. Unit participants will have to be notified. A brief email from the unit's leadership should be sent as soon as possible after notification.
3. Council staff will also contact unit members and the chartered organization.
4. Unit members who have been in close contact with the individual may be required to quarantine for 14 days as instructed.

Sample Communication for Close Contacts

Greetings Scouting Participants,

We are informing you that a participant (or scout/staff/leader/adult) who was at our Scout meeting at the same time as you has tested positive for COVID-19. After a review of our participant log, we believe that this individual may have had close contact with you (your child) while at the activity.

Close contact is defined by the CDC as being within 6 feet of an individual (who has a confirmed case) for 15 or more minutes.

You should isolate yourself and contact your primary care provider to share this message and seek their advice for monitoring your health. Their instructions will likely include a period of self-isolation and/or instruction to be tested. You may also be contacted by Public Health Officials.



Scout Unit COVID-19 Plan

Unit Type: _____

Unit #: _____

Primary Contact; _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Meeting Location: _____

SCOUTING UNITS MUST FOLLOW ALL STATE AND LOCAL GUIDELINES REGARDING SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASK-WEARING

- Our unit will enforce social distancing guidelines.
- Our unit will ensure no-contact between participants.
- Our unit will ensure that equipment is not shared between participants.
- Our unit will promote participants hygiene throughout the meeting
- Our unit will clean and disinfect equipment both during and after use.
- Our unit will communicate to families that only registered participants will be allowed to participate.
- Our unit will enforce that only participants will be allowed at the meeting by monitoring and controlling admission to the meeting.
- Our unit will enforce health checks and screenings for all participants by requiring every individual to complete health screenings before every meeting that will be tracked.
- Our unit will enforce the stay-at-home when sick expectations by refusing entry to anyone who does not pass the health screening.
- Our participants will bring their own beverages, snacks, and food whenever possible. Food and drinks will not be shared with others besides members of their own household.



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Overnight Camping during COVID and EEE Outbreak

Scout Overnight Camping: Guidance during the Covid-19 Pandemic – EEE Outbreak

September 4, 2020

Narragansett Council properties are now opening for overnight camping. Local campgrounds and properties are welcoming campers, also. Here are guidelines to follow for any Troop making preparations to camp overnight.

Preference should be given to camping sites within your local area and State. Avoid travelling too far from your home area and always check local travel restrictions.

Quarantining for 14 days in Rhode Island is not required for Troops returning from States that have less than a 5% positivity test rate. Please refer to the RI Department of Health Website for the current listing:
<https://health.ri.gov/covid/travel/>.

Massachusetts residents returning to Massachusetts, or anyone travelling to Massachusetts is required to complete a Massachusetts Travel Form prior to arrival, unless you are visiting from a lower-risk State designated by the Department of Public Health. Please refer to the Massachusetts travel order website at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order>

Single-person tent camping is permitted. Tents should have at a minimum of 6 feet between them, 14 feet between tents is better. Only members of the same household should share a tent. Units should not participate in cabin camping nor use any congregate indoor meeting facilities or shelters unless absolutely necessary due to hazardous weather at this time. All Youth Protection Guidelines should be followed.

Food should not be shared amongst campers. Each family should bring and prepare their own food. If this is impractical, we ask that you limit the contact that individuals have with the food. We recommend one or two adult servers who sanitize their hands, wear masks and gloves and plate the food to deliver and serve to each camper- no buffet lines or congregating around the food table. Disposable dishware should be used whenever possible and properly disposed of and removed upon departure.

Bathroom facilities need to be monitored and sanitized on a frequent basis. Bathroom facilities must be sanitized at the beginning of the outing, 3 times each day, and at the end of the outing. Soap and water and hand sanitizer must be provided, and usage must be mandatory before meals, after using the bathroom, between activities, etc.

Only non-contact or low-contact activities/sports are allowed.

Transportation/vehicle travel should be restricted to family members per car.

All other guidance for Scouting activities such as group size, stable groups, social distancing, wearing of face masks, medical forms, signed "Inherent Risk of Infection" documents, etc. are mandatory in addition to the above. Follow the unit guidance document at www.ncbsa.org/coronavirus.

EEE Outbreak

Additionally, as we enter late Summer and Fall, please be aware of mosquito-borne illness and restrictions in your area. EEE is very serious, so it is vital that all precautions are followed. Follow common-sense precautions such as limiting time outdoors between dusk and dawn, wearing of long sleeves/long pants and appropriate mosquito repellent. More details on mosquito-borne illness can be found at:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-arbovirus-update>

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/agriculture/mosquito-diseases.php>

<https://portal.ct.gov/mosquito>

Please know that the information available to us and local restrictions are evolving constantly. Do not rely on this document alone, be sure to check the Council website for updates and your local and state department of health.



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