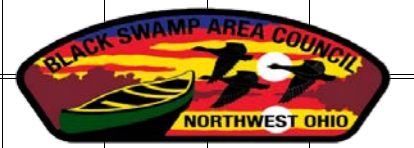


<b>STEP 1</b>	Develop your Scout Unit's COVID-19 'Restart Scouting Safely' plan with your unit committee.	<p>Precautions and mitigation strategies are important, but they cannot eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness when in-person activities resume.</p> <p>People with 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.</p>
<b>STEP 2</b>	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.	
<b>STEP 3</b>	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 ensured.	
<b>STEP 4</b>	Monitor and adjust your unit's plan to be current with any new local, state, or federal changes (repeat steps 1-3).	
✓	<p><b>Guidelines to Restarting Scouting Safely (to be used in conjunction with the Restart Scouting Checklist-local requirements are more restrictive) updated 8-13-20</b></p>	<p>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.</p>
	Follow local, state, and federal requirements relating to group sizes and keep group sizes manageable so that social distancing can be achieved. Be mindful that social distancing for younger age groups (Cub Scouts) may be more difficult. Remember to include two-deep leadership when factoring group size.	<p><b>Every member, volunteer and family must evaluate their unique circumstances and make an informed decision before attending in-person activities.</b></p> <p><b>We hope this information will be helpful as you make that choice.</b></p> <p>For updates, please monitor <a href="https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus">https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus</a></p>
	Maintain proper social distancing at all times and when appropriate wear face coverings.	
	For transportation carpooling is NOT recommended It is preferred that only members from the same household should ride in the same car. If carpooling does occur, if one occupant of the car does not pass the pre-event screening i.e. temperature above 100 or gets sick at the event, all individuals with-in that car need to leave the event.	
	NO overnight camping until state requirements allow for non-family group camping. When camping does resume, ONE Scout/person per tent should be maintained. (The only exception to this guideline is the Council organized programs at Camp Lakota and Berry.)	
	For out-of-state Scouting activities, be advised of any destination state's restrictions and other travel restrictions as Scouting plans are developed.	
	Ensure proper sanitation of meeting spaces including Scouting equipment and gear.	
	Take precautions for elderly Scouters and those most vulnerable including having those Scouts not physically participate.	
	Ensure Scouts and Scouters self-screen (at a minimum) before attending unit functions.	
	Have a prepared plan to address medical protocol should a Scout or Scouter become ill during a meeting or other activity.	
	Maintain attendance records for both youth and adults at all meetings and functions in the event contact tracing is needed. (You can used Scoutbook to track attendance)	



The COVID-19 resuming Scouting safely sheet is a Black Swamp Area Council document and Restart Scouting Checklist is from the National Council. Please note our local info is more restrictive! The COVID-19 Resuming Scouting Safely spreadsheet is our effort to consolidate and present state and local regulations concerning the pandemic and how it affects youth groups. Since it reflects local requirements, it should be the document that is used where differences between the two documents exist.

Our interests are in making sure that you and your Scouts remain safe and healthy. We encourage everyone to make sure that their activities reflect the latest standards and regulations from our local health agencies and the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

**These guidelines are in-place in an effort to keep you and your Scouts healthy.**