

**\*COVID SCOUTING SAFELY PLANNING GUIDE\***

\* Be sure to **abide by guidance and restrictions from the state or county for your activity destination as well as your point of origin** if applicable.  
 \* Always consult with your Chartered Organization before conducting an activity, and abide by the organizations guidelines.  
 \* COVID Scouting Safely Planning Guide is subject to change with updated COVID-19 guidance from local, state, and federal sources.  
 \* Please contact your District Executive if you have questions or concerns regarding the safe restart of Scouting in your unit. \*Defer to the highest level county or location that you are traveling to or from for the guideline to follow.

**OHIO COVID 19 RISK LEVEL GUIDELINES BY COUNTY**

<b>LEVEL 1 PUBLIC EMERGENCY</b> <i>Active exposure or spread</i>	<b>LEVEL 2 PUBLIC EMERGENCY</b> <i>Increased exposure or spread</i>	<b>Level 3 PUBLIC EMERGENCY</b> <i>Very high exposure and spread</i> <i>*be mindful of number of indicators triggering this level, if more than 2 indicators are met consult the council service center for specific direction</i>	<b>LEVEL 4 PUBLIC EMERGENCY</b> <i>Severe exposure or spread</i>
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**Meetings & Unit Activities**

Scouts meet with Social Distance of at least 6 feet (except for family members) & wear face coverings in any indoor location and outdoors when unable to consistently maintain a distance of six feet or more. Ensure sanitizing areas between uses occurs.	Scouts meet with Social Distance of at least 6 feet (except for family members) & wear face coverings in any indoor location and outdoors when unable to consistently maintain a distance of six feet or more. Ensure sanitizing areas between uses occurs.	Scouting meetings and events will be allowed if the local schools are providing in-school instruction (in person/non-virtual) and sports programs are occurring in the local community. If the local schools are not having in-person instruction, Scouting units should not meet or if the county is listed on the <b>level 4 watch list</b> . Scouts meet with Social Distance of at least 6 feet (except for family members) & wear face coverings in any indoor location and outdoors when unable to consistently maintain a distance of six feet or more. Ensure sanitizing areas between uses occurs.	Virtual Programs and Meetings Only
Avoid gathering all Scouts in one large group. Divide the Scouting unit into groups (patrols/dens) of no more than 10 people and avoid mixing Scouts from each group. Outdoor or large rooms with good ventilation are preferred. Blue and Gold's and Troop Courts of Honor can be held as long as long as they follow the banquet health guidance from the state of Ohio. Pinewood Derby's can be held as well, with household members "poded" 6 feet apart and limiting group size to 1 or two dens at a time. Dining Halls at both camps open for unit activities. Multiple groups of 10 can meet in the same location as long as the pods/patrols/den/groups of 10 remain seperated.	Avoid gathering all Scouts in one large group. Divide the Scouting unit into groups (patrols/dens) of no more than 10 people and avoid mixing Scouts from each group. Outdoor or large rooms with good ventilation are preferred. Blue and Gold's and Troop Courts of Honor can be held as long as long as they follow the banquet health guidance from the state of Ohio. Pinewood Derby's can be held as well, with household members "poded" 6 feet apart and limiting group size to 1 or two dens at a time. Dining Halls at both camps open for unit activities. Multiple groups of 10 can meet in the same location as long as the pods/patrols/den/groups of 10 remain seperated.	Avoid gathering all Scouts in one large group. Divide the Scouting unit into groups (patrols/dens) of no more than 10 people and avoid mixing Scouts from each group. Outdoor or large rooms with good ventilation are preferred. Blue and Gold's and Troop Courts of Honor can be held as long as long as they follow the banquet health guidance from the state of Ohio. Pinewood Derby's can be held as well, with household members "poded" 6 feet apart and limiting group size to 1 or two dens at a time. Dining Halls at both camps open for unit activities. Multiple groups of 10 can meet in the same location as long as the pods/patrols/den/groups of 10 remain seperated.	

**Dining & Food Prep**

Develop dining protocols to include: No self-serve buffet meals or common water coolers. Use disposable utensils, napkins, cups and plates. Clean and disinfect eating and cooking gear after each use. Ensure proper sanitation and handwashing.	Develop dining protocols to include: No self-serve buffet meals or common water coolers. Use disposable utensils, napkins, cups and plates. Clean and disinfect eating and cooking gear after each use. Ensure proper sanitation and handwashing.	Develop dining protocols to include: No self-serve buffet meals or common water coolers. Use disposable utensils, napkins, cups and plates. Clean and disinfect eating and cooking gear after each use. Ensure proper sanitation and handwashing.	Virtual Programs and Meetings Only
No congregating under dining fly or pavilion. If utilizing picnic tables, continue to maintain social distancing.	No congregating under dining fly or pavilion. If utilizing picnic tables, continue to maintain social distancing. <i>Outdoor eating preferred.</i>	No congregating under dining fly or pavilion. If utilizing picnic tables, continue to maintain social distancing. <i>Outdoor eating preferred.</i>	
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**Camping**

Develop camping protocols to include: One Scout per tent unless Scouts are from the same household and meets Guide to Safe Scouting Guidelines in regard to age and tenting requirements. 6 feet of space between tents. Social distance at all times, including during campfire & mealtimes. <i>Cabins can be used at 50% capacity with sleeping 6 feet apart. Masks required in cabins at all times except when sleeping.</i> Adirondacks will be able to used with 50% capacity, no covering of the entryway to facilitate airflow, and head to toe sleeping arrangements.	Develop tenting & cabin protocols to include: One Scout per tent unless Scouts are from the same household and meets Guide to Safe Scouting Guidelines in regard to age and tenting requirements. 6 feet of space between tents. Social distance at all times, including during campfire & mealtimes. <i>Cabins can be used at 50% capacity with sleeping 6 feet apart. Masks required in cabins at all times except when sleeping.</i> Adirondacks will be able to used with 50% capacity, no covering of the entryway to facilitate airflow, and head to toe sleeping arrangements.	Develop tenting & cabin protocols to include: One Scout per tent unless Scouts are from the same household and meets Guide to Safe Scouting Guidelines in regard to age and tenting requirements. 6 feet of space between tents. Social distance at all times, including during campfire & mealtimes. Account for two-deep leadership in the maximum group size number of 10. <i>Cabins can be used at 50% capacity with sleeping 6 feet apart. Masks required in cabins at all times except when sleeping.</i> Adirondacks will be limited to same guidelines as tents.	Virtual Programs and Meetings Only
Camp Lakota and Camp Berry will open for summer resident and day camp in June 2021 and for unit camping after the summer season. Refer to the camp leader's guides and updates for specific Summer Camp COVID operations up.	Camp Lakota and Camp Berry will open for summer resident and day camp in June 2021 and for unit camping after the summer season. Refer to the camp leader's guides and updates for specific Summer Camp COVID operations up.	Camp Lakota and Camp Berry will open for summer resident and day camp in June 2021 and for unit camping after the summer season. Refer to the camp leader's guides and updates for specific Summer Camp COVID operations up.	
Camp Lakota and Berry open overnight camping. Troops and Packs larger than 10 people can attend, but must be divided into patrols or dens of 10 people and not comingle, but can use the same campsite.	Camp Lakota and Berry open overnight camping. Troops and Packs larger than 10 people can attend, but must be divided into patrols or dens of 10 people and not comingle, but can use the same campsite.	Camp Lakota and Berry open overnight camping. Troops and Packs larger than 10 people can attend, but must be divided into patrols or dens of 10 people and not comingle, but can use the same campsite.	Camp Properties Closed

**Transportation**

Carpooling is allowed, but all individuals will need to wear face coverings in the vehicle unless all passengers are from the same household.	Carpooling is allowed, but all individuals will need to wear face coverings in the vehicle unless all passengers are from the same household.	Carpooling is not recommended, but if done all individuals will need to wear face coverings in the vehicle unless all passengers are from the same household.	Virtual Programs and Meetings Only
Assessing County Public Health Emergency Levels: Default to the county that has the highest level of risk, either county of origin or county of destination. If traveling out of state, units should consider how the destination location aligns with the State of Ohio Public Health Advisory System.	Assessing County Public Health Emergency Levels: Default to the county that has the highest level of risk, either county of origin or county of destination. If traveling out of state, units should consider how the destination location aligns with the State of Ohio Public Health Advisory System.	Assessing County Public Health Emergency Levels: Default to the county that has the highest level of risk, either county of origin or county of destination. If traveling out of state, units should consider how the destination location aligns with the State of Ohio Public Health Advisory System.	
Be advised of any destination state's restrictions and other travel restrictions as Scouting plans are developed.	Be advised of any destination state's restrictions and other travel restrictions as Scouting plans are developed. Consider staying local to your geographic area and if you must travel, limit mixing with others along the way.	Be advised of any destination state's restrictions and other travel restrictions as Scouting plans are developed. Consider staying local to your geographic area and if you must travel, limit mixing with others along the way.	

**Health and Safety**

Screen Scouts and Scouters before attending unit functions (take temperature, ask if feeling well). Use the BSA's in-person unit activities checklist found at: <a href="https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/">https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/</a>	Screen Scouts and Scouters before attending unit functions (take temperature, ask if feeling well). Use the BSA's in-person unit activities checklist found at: <a href="https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/">https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/</a>	Screen Scouts and Scouters before attending unit functions (take temperature, ask if feeling well). Use the BSA's in-person unit activities checklist found at: <a href="https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/">https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/</a>	Virtual Programs and Meetings Only
Have a prepared plan to address medical protocol should a Scout or Scouter become ill during a meeting or other activity.	Have a prepared plan to address medical protocol should a Scout or Scouter become ill during a meeting or other activity.	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.	Maintain attendance records for both youth and adults at all meetings and functions in the event contact tracing is needed.	Maintain attendance records for both youth and adults at all meetings and functions in the event contact tracing is needed.	

**Council Staff Support**





Findlay and Lima Service Center & Scout Shop Open (Masks Required, Maintain Social Distancing)	Findlay and Lima Service Center & Scout Shop Open (Masks Required, Maintain Social Distancing)	Findlay and Lima Service Center & Scout Shop Open (Masks Required, Maintain Social Distancing)	Findlay and Lima Service Center & Scout Shop Closed
Black Swamp Area Council Staff available	Black Swamp Area Council Staff available virtually and on a limited in person basis. (Please always pre-schedule appointments )	Black Swamp Area Council Staff available virtually and on a limited in person basis. (Please always pre-schedule appointments )	Black Swamp Area Council Staff Available Virtually only

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-  **1.** Develop your Scout Unit's COVID-19 'COVID Scouting Safely' plan with your unit committee.
-  **2.** 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.
-  **3.** 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 assured.
-  **4.** Monitor and adjust your unit's plan to be current with any new local, state, or federal changes. **As always follow the Guide to Safe Scouting and follow the 7 Tenets of Prevention:**
  1. Properly wearing a face covering/mask.
  2. Take care of your self – make yourself an inhospitable host for this virus through healthy lifestyle practices. E.g. eating well getting plenty of rest, etc.
  3. Practice social distancing. Keeping at least 6 feet between you and others during interaction.
  4. Wash your hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer throughout the day.
  5. Avoid touching your face unless you have just washed your hands.
  6. Cough or sneeze into your elbow – even when you have a face covering on.
  7. If you are sick – stay at home

## 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:

Allen County	<a href="https://www.allencountypublichealth.org/">https://www.allencountypublichealth.org/</a>	(419) 228-4457
Auglaize County	<a href="https://www.auglaizehealth.org/">https://www.auglaizehealth.org/</a>	(419) 738-3410
Defiance County	<a href="https://defiancecohealth.org/">https://defiancecohealth.org/</a>	(419) 784-3818
Fulton County	<a href="http://fultoncountyhealthdept.com/">http://fultoncountyhealthdept.com/</a>	(419) 337-0915
Hancock County	<a href="http://www.hancockpublichealth.com">www.hancockpublichealth.com</a>	(419) 424-7105
Hardin County	<a href="https://hardinhealth.org/">https://hardinhealth.org/</a>	(419) 673-6230
Henry County	<a href="http://henrycohd.org/">http://henrycohd.org/</a>	(419) 599-5545
Mercer County	<a href="https://mchdohio.org/">https://mchdohio.org/</a>	(419) 586-3251
Paulding County	<a href="https://www.pauldingcountyhealth.com/">https://www.pauldingcountyhealth.com/</a>	(419) 399-3921
Putnam County	<a href="https://putnamhealth.com/">https://putnamhealth.com/</a>	(419) 523-5608
Seneca County	<a href="https://www.senecahealthdept.org/">https://www.senecahealthdept.org/</a>	(419) 447-3691
Van Wert County	<a href="http://vanwertcountyhealth.org/">http://vanwertcountyhealth.org/</a>	(419) 238-0808
Williams County	<a href="http://www.williamscountyhealth.org/">http://www.williamscountyhealth.org/</a>	(419) 485-3141

3. Report the incident through the National Boy Scouts of America's incident reporting tool at: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/incident-report/covid-19-incidents-exposures-supplemental-instructions/>

4. Notify your District Executive. Contact names, phone numbers and emails can be found at: <https://www.blackswampbsa.org/about-council-staff/63352>



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