



To: All LPC Volunteers and Employees

In Scouting, we always vow to help other people. Now, in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, our Scouting community must do its part to slow the spread of the virus, which will save lives and avoid overwhelming our local healthcare infrastructure.

The safety of Scouts, volunteers, employees and our communities are our top priority.

With safety in mind and based on guidance from health officials, **LPC is strongly advising that in-person meetings, activities, events and gatherings be adjusted to meet mandated protocols.** Since Thursday, July 17, 2020, the Council is permitting but not encouraging Scout den & patrol single day outings and outdoor activities. All Units should obtain the approval of their Chartered Organization prior to any group activity and inform family members of all participants that participation is optional and that by participating they accept any responsibility due to COVID 19 exposure and will not hold LPC, BSA, volunteers or Charter Organization liable for exposure. Additional guidance can be found at www.readyslo.org and www.readysbc.org. Please follow any restrictions outlined by the state of CA and local health department or other state and local authorities. This applies to all youth and adults, members and nonmembers out of an abundance of caution.

In accordance with national guidelines, please follow the following:

- Avoid in-person indoor gatherings; instead, utilize available digital and online resources, such as video conferencing, to continue Scouting meetings, projects and advancement, adhering to the current youth protection guidelines already in place for digital communications.
 - Follow Council and BSA website, blogs, and social channels, as well as #ScoutingAtHome, for great examples and ideas of how to continue Scouting.
- Patrols and Dens may have **single day outdoor** activities (hiking, biking, service projects, etc.), but **must wear masks and always follow social distancing and cleanliness protocols. If mask can possibly cause injury like heat exhaustion they may be removed, but social distancing must be strictly enforced.** Full units (Packs, Troops, Crews, Post) are not to hold in person meetings or activities yet.
- **No den, patrol, or unit overnight activities** such as camping are allowed. Single family campouts connected virtually are acceptable.





- Hand Washing – washing with soap and water for 20 seconds is the ideal standard – and folks must be trained on this and reminded to do it. Individuals **MUST** provide their own liquid hand sanitizer for those times when soap and water are not available
- Scouts must be transported to and from activities by their parent, leaders cannot transport Scouts that are not their own children.
- If unit is traveling to a certified BSA reservation/camp special permission from the Scout Executive must be issued to transport several Scouts together.
- If you or any member of your family feel sick, **DO NOT** attend any gatherings. Contact your health professional to get care and notify your those you can in contact with so they can take the appropriate measures while you focus on recuperating.

FACE COVERING REQUIREMENTS

- CONTINUE FREQUENT HAND WASHING AND SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES

The requirement to use and wear face coverings has been effective since July 17, 2020 for all Los Padres Council (LPC) units, Scouts, leaders, and participants at all activities and is mandated by guidance from the California Department of Public Health.

Face coverings **MUST** be worn as follows:

- 1 Locations beyond own home; if a Scouting activity is to take place at a home or an open space (example – a Den Meeting or patrol project), then face coverings must be worn during the entire activity.
- 2 Council, District, and Unit activities
- 3 Outdoors (including day camps, service projects, and outings)
- 4 If unable to wear face mask, then social distancing protocols must be followed strictly followed

ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FOR PLANNING AND CONDUCTING GROUP OUTINGS

- 1 Avoid places that the general public frequents, such as food service facilities and recreation sites with high use
- 2 Keep family units together, and keep them separated from other family units, especially during transportation
- 3 High risk individuals (those over 65 years or with underlying health issues) should **NOT** participate





- 4 No group travel and minimize travel to distant locations
- 5 Keep group size to 10 or less – while abiding by YPT standards
- 6 Ensure frequent cleaning and disinfecting of work surfaces, restrooms, and other areas frequented by multiple individuals
- 7 Ensure that pre-event medical / health screening is conducted for all participants – see the link below for guidance

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-057.pdf>

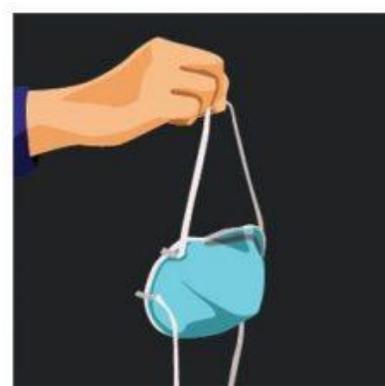
<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/pre-event-medical-screening/>

- 8 Upon arrival at the event, all participants should be screened again, and if they fail the screening, immediately sent home. In addition, a BSA Incident Report should be completed and sent to the Scout Executive immediately.
- 9 Food Service – no potluck, buffet, or collectively prepared food should be served – everyone MUST bring their own food and water
- 10 Avoid sharing project and activity materials and equipment – if they must be shared, they must be cleaned AND sanitized between uses by different participants

How to wear a face covering

- 1 Put the face covering on BEFORE you enter an area where it is required
- 2 Ensure that it covers the mouth and nose
- 3 Ensure that it fits firmly with no gaps at the nose, chin, and cheeks
- 4 Do not touch the face covering while it is being worn

How to remove a face covering



Acceptable face coverings:

- 1 Face shields
- 2 Disposable masks- replace when they become soiled and at the end of each day
- 3 Cloth face masks – launder in hot soapy water daily





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We will continue to evaluate the ongoing situation and prioritize the safety of everyone involved in Scouting youth, families, volunteers, employees and our communities – is our number one priority.

We realize these decisions are not without their challenges, and we thank you for helping meet the needs of our communities in difficult times.

The steps we are taking reinforce the many ways – big and small – that Scouting empowers character and leadership today and for generations to come.

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