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Purpose

BSA has worked tirelessly on documenting COVID-19 precautions required for opening summer camps. Unfortunately, there has been little direction provided on how to reduce the potential of spreading COVID-19 for weekend camping with troops. This document combines guidance from Council, state, and U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC) for minimizing the spread of COVID-19 during troop camping events.

While the precautions outlined in this document are intended to reduce the potential for spreading COVID-19, there is no guarantee of zero probability of transmission.

Separation and Protection Requirements

- Until further notice, all participants in overnight scouting activities will be required to complete a consent form outlining the risks of COVID-19 infection.
- All participants attending any troop activity will have their temperature checked before the troop leaves for an event. If anyone has an elevated temperature (over 100.4 degrees F), they will not be allowed to participate in the event.
- All participants attending any troop activity will have their temperature checked daily during the event. If anyone has an elevated temperature (over 100.4 degrees F), that person and their buddy will be immediately quarantined. Parents will be contacted and must pick up their scout within a reasonable timeframe. Troop leaders can elect to cancel the trip and return home if an outbreak occurs. In the event that a trip is cut short due to a medical emergency, no refunds will be provided.
- Scouts will tent individually unless parents of two scouts give written consent for their children to tent together. No more than two scouts will be allowed in one tent. Siblings may tent together. Parents tenting with scouts is highly discouraged.
- Tents will be placed at least six feet apart to maintain social distancing.
- All scouts will have one buddy (for the duration of the event). Buddies will cook, clean, and participate in primary activities (i.e. canoeing, skiing, sightseeing, etc.) together. This will satisfy the BSA buddy system requirement and minimize interaction between other scouts.
- One adult and one scout will be put in charge of monitoring and enforcing mask wearing, separation distances, and all other COVID-19 requirements listed in this document. They will ensure proper supplies (masks, hand sanitizer, cleaning solution, etc.) are available and used properly.
- Masks will be worn:
 - While traveling in vehicles (vehicles transporting family units only are not required to wear masks)
 - While loading and unloading the troop trailer or other vehicles
 - While under any camp kitchen tarp or pavilion

- Any time scouts are inside or cannot meet the six-foot separation requirement

Cooking and Food Preparation

- One buddy pair from each patrol will prepare, cook, serve, and clean up after a meal (i.e. breakfast, lunch, or dinner). The next buddy pair will prepare, cook, serve, and clean up after the next meal and so on.
- In addition to the main buddy pair, a separate buddy pair will be in charge of disinfecting high-touch surfaces. They will prepare a separate cleaning solution (separate from the standard dish cleaning station) and use that to wipe down all surfaces listed in the attached Disinfecting Checklist.
- Leaders will discourage any meal that would require a buffet-style serving station (i.e. tacos in a bag where each scout picks their own toppings) or that would require substantial touching of food (i.e. sandwich making with someone touching each ingredient).
- The kitchen tarp or pavilion will be roped off so only buddy pairs who are cooking or an adult leader can access the camp kitchens. Unless sheltering from rain, all other scouts should be outside the kitchen tarp or pavilion at all times.
- The dish cleaning station will be roped off so only buddy pairs who are cleaning or an adult leader can access the cleaning stations at any one time. When communal dishes have been properly washed, the cleaning station will open to individual dish cleaning.
- Separation distances should be maintained while standing in a serving line or at the dish cleaning station.
- All dishes, both troop and personal, should remain in the bleach cleaning solution for at least one minute before removal.

Troop and Personal Gear

- There will be no sharing or borrowing of personal equipment. Scouts must use their own camp chairs, flashlights, etc.
- No personal gear will be allowed under the kitchen tarp or pavilion. All personal gear, including drying dishes, must be stored in or by a scout's tent.
- Any tools used for skill instruction (i.e. ax, saw, rope, etc.) will be cleaned between uses.

Disinfecting Checklist

At each mealtime, the sanitization crew will prepare a bleach solution of 1/3 cup of bleach to one gallon of water and disinfect the following items (AT A MINIMUM):

- All water jug handles and spigots
- All water cooler handles and spigots
- Camp kitchen doors and hardware
- Propane stove handles and valves
- Propane tank valves
- Lantern valves
- Trailer door handles
- Tables (where applicable)
- Bathroom door handles (where applicable)