



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

WEST TENNESSEE AREA COUNCIL

Covid-19 Event Protocol

Before you gather:

- Communicate to all parents and youth that the Boy Scouts of America recommends that no one in the higher-risk category take part in person. Continue to engage virtually.
- Communicate that anyone who feels sick must stay home. If you become sick or develop symptoms, isolate yourself then go home and seek care.
- Before attending, upon arrival and at least daily for longer events, all participants should be screened for any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
 - Cough • Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing • Chills • Repeated shaking with chills • Muscle pain
 - Headache • Sore throat • Loss of taste or smell • Diarrhea
 - Feeling feverish or having a temperature greater than or equal to 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit
 - Known close contact with a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19
- As appropriate, participants should have face coverings available to wear when gathering or when in public areas or venues where social distancing is not permitted.

As you gather:

- Conduct an event entry screening: including Covid symptoms/exposure questions and temperature check (not to exceed 100). Conduct a temperature check a minimum of once a day throughout the event duration.
- Minimize group sizes if possible. Small groups of participants who stay together all day every day, remain 6 feet apart and do not share objects are at the lowest risk.
- Have hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant at all program areas. Participants must wash/disinfect in and out of program areas.
- Minimize the use of common areas and shared tools. If unavoidable, they should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected between uses.
- Develop dining protocols (including but not limited to):
 - No self-serve buffet meals or common water coolers. • Use of disposable utensils, napkins, cups and plates.
 - Clean and disinfect eating and cooking gear after each use.
- Develop tenting protocols for the group: Individual tents and hammocks should be used if at all possible. Family members may tent together.
- During program activities:
 - Refrain from programs that require close contact between participants. • Equipment that must be shared should be disinfected before and after each use. • Where possible, assign activity-related protective equipment for the duration of an event to a single individual (life jacket, gloves, harness). • Effective handwashing before and after each program area use.