

Troop 350

COVID-19 Guidelines

These are subject to change at any time based on higher level guidance or Troop's ability to adhere to them to keep everyone safe!

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Indoor Meetings – Troop, Patrol, Merit Badge, PLC, Board of Review, Eagle Project, Committee, Gear Garage, Service Projects, etc...

- St. John's property – case-by-case basis with coordination and permission from St. John's (e.g. Parish Hall, Gear Garage...)
- Follow each "house rule" established by the meeting location (house, business, building, property, etc...) or each of these guidelines whichever one is more restrictive
- Anyone that has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 10 days must not attend.
- Anyone experiencing symptoms of illness currently, or within the previous 72 hours, including but not limited to the following must not attend: cough; fever; chills; shortness of breath; difficulty breathing; fatigue; muscle or body aches; headache; new loss of taste or smell; sore throat; congestion; runny nose; nausea; vomiting; diarrhea
- **Face coverings are optional/not required but those who choose to wear a mask are encouraged to do so.**
- Any size gathering that can maintain six-foot physical separation between persons of different households is permitted.
- Discourage and minimize shared equipment including pens for signing off requirements. However, if equipment must be shared it must be wiped down with sanitizing wipe and/or sprayed with sanitizing solution between users. The use of disposable gloves does not remove the need for sanitizing.
- Encourage frequent hand washing or use of hand sanitizer
- Cover your cough or sneeze. This should be covered by wearing a mask but is a good habit to get into regardless. It will also help mitigate any loss of ill-fitting masks.
- No unnecessary physical contact, such as high fives, handshakes, fist bumps, or hugs.
- Train Scouts and Scouters on all safety protocols. Review all applicable section(s) of these guidelines at the beginning of the meeting
- Suggest everyone BYO Water

Outdoor Meetings – Troop, Patrol, Merit Badge, PLC, Board of Review, Eagle Project, Committee, Gear Garage, Service Projects, etc...

- Follow each “house rule” established by the meeting location (house, business, building, property, etc...) or each of these guidelines whichever one is more restrictive
- Notify St. John’s charter organization representative (COR) or location POC of intent to meet at a specific location on a specific date at a specific time other than regular Monday 1845-2015 and second Thursdays 1800-2000.
- Anyone that has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 10 days must not attend.
- Anyone experiencing symptoms of illness currently, or within the previous 72 hours, including but not limited to the following must not attend: cough; fever; chills; shortness of breath; difficulty breathing; fatigue; muscle or body aches; headache; new loss of taste or smell; sore throat; congestion; runny nose; nausea; vomiting; diarrhea
- Social distancing of at least 6 feet during all activities without face covering
- Face coverings are optional/not required but those who choose to wear a mask are encouraged to do so.
- Any size gathering that can maintain six-foot physical separation between persons of different households is permitted. If we cannot maintain six-foot distance, then masks required.
- Discourage and minimize shared equipment including pens for signing off requirements. However, if equipment must be shared it must be wiped down with sanitizing wipe and/or sprayed with sanitizing solution between users. The use of disposable gloves does not remove the need for sanitizing.
- No spitting
- Cover your cough or sneeze
- No unnecessary physical contact, such as high fives, handshakes, fist bumps, or hugs.
- Train Scouts and Scouters on all safety protocols. Review all applicable section(s) of these guidelines at the beginning of the meeting
- Encourage PLC to plan meetings that can be easily monitored to maintain social distancing of 6’ or more such as physical fitness activities (fitness tests), fireman chit training, totin chip training, knot tying skills, tent setup, inspection and takedown, camp stove lighting.
- Suggest everyone BYO Water and BYO Chair
- Provide mic and speaker or bullhorn for communicating instructions to large and separated groups
- Set up an ASM location to sign off on handbooks
- May use landscape flags to mark areas where patrols can stand and social distance.
- Scouts, Scouters, and adults – if anyone does not follow the rules then they must go home! Make this clear in the emails that are sent out ahead of time.

Campouts

- Follow each “house rule” established by the meeting location (house, business, building, property, etc...) or each of these guidelines whichever one is more restrictive
- Indoor activities that occur during a campout will follow “Indoor Meetings” guidelines.
- **Scouts may share a tent as long as the guardians of all scouts involved have given their consent, and as long as BSA tenting guidelines are followed (e.g. all scouts within a given tent must be within 24 months of age).**
- Anyone that has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 10 days must not attend.
- Anyone experiencing symptoms of illness currently, or within the previous 72 hours, including but not limited to the following must not attend: cough; fever; chills; shortness of breath; difficulty breathing; fatigue; muscle or body aches; headache; new loss of taste or smell; sore throat; congestion; runny nose; nausea; vomiting; diarrhea
- Non-touch temperature check by an adult for each person (Scout, Scouter, adult, family member, etc...) before they join the meeting or activity. Temperature must be below 100.4 F.
- Social distancing of at least 6 feet during all activities without face covering
- **Face coverings are optional/not required but those who choose to wear a mask are encouraged to do so.**
- Any size gathering that can maintain six-foot physical separation between persons of different households is permitted.
- Discourage and minimize shared equipment including pens for signing off requirements. However, if equipment must be shared it must be wiped down with sanitizing wipe and/or sprayed with sanitizing solution between users. The use of disposable gloves does not remove the need for sanitizing.
- No spitting
- Cover your cough or sneeze
- No unnecessary physical contact, such as high fives, handshakes, fist bumps, or hugs.
- Train Scouts and Scouters on all safety protocols. Review all applicable section(s) of these guidelines at the beginning of the meeting
- Provide mic and speaker or bullhorn for communicating instructions to large and separated groups
- **Scouts may travel to and from campouts with other scouts as long as the guardians of all scouts involved have given their consent.**
- Cooking / Meal Guidelines:
 - Camp master to assign adult supervision to monitor COVID19 compliance
 - Before cooking, wash or sanitize hands thoroughly
 - While handling food, wear a mask at all times, cover any coughs or sneezes, use hand sanitizer frequently, avoid face touching, and avoid taste testing
 - Before eating, wash or sanitize hands thoroughly
 - When eating or drinking, establish 6 foot social distancing before removing mask

Higher Level Guidance and other references

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
- [Alabama Public Health](#)
- [BamaTracker](#)
- [Madison County COVID-19 Updates](#)
- [City of Madison COVID-19 Updates](#)

- [Scouts BSA National Statement on COVID-19](#)
- [Scouts BSA Greater Alabama Council Coronavirus Updates](#)

- [“How Exactly Do You Catch Covid-19? There Is a Growing Consensus”](#)
- PNAS research article: [“Identifying airborne transmission as the dominant route for the spread of COVID-19”](#)
- Associate Professor of Biology Blog Post: [The Risks - Know Them - Avoid Them](#)
- Video: [Coronavirus: New Facts about Infection Mechanisms](#)