



2021 EDMUND D. STRANG SCOUT RESERVATION COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

The current protocols have been developed and incorporates non-pharmaceutical interventions as outlined by the American Camping, Office of Early Childhood, Department of Public Health, and recommendations from other overnight youth camps. The information contained within have been proven effective to reduce the risk of transmission among campers that attended day and resident camps in 2020.

The Housatonic Council continues to monitor the CDC and State of Connecticut Guidelines for the mitigation of COVID-19.

The Housatonic Council recommends that all individuals eligible receive the COVID-19 vaccine prior to their attendance at camp. Currently the current eligibility age to receive the COVID-19 vaccine is 12 years old and up.

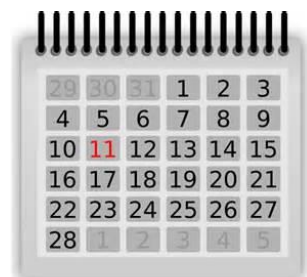
Current CDC guidelines are continued mask wearing for un-vaccinated individuals.

PRE-CAMP PREPARATION

10-day Quasi-Quarantine:

10 Days prior to arrival at camp each camper and volunteer will be asked to stay close to home and strongly adhere to all CDC guidelines. This is a period to minimize outside interactions and to strictly avoid gatherings outside the home.

It is a proactive step to minimize potential exposure. This period will be a quasi-quarantine to mitigate spread and limit interactions outside of a camper's normal pod.



Pre-Camp Screening Check List:

Immediately prior to departing their home, all campers, volunteers, and those dropping them off are asked to fill out the BSA pre-event medical screening check list to ensure that it is safe to attend. If they have any symptoms, they are not to proceed to or come to camp. Additionally, everyone will again be asked to review the Pre-Camp Screening Checklist upon arrival at Summer Camp.

The pre-event check list can be found here:

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

BSA Annual Health and Medical Record:

Each camper and adult volunteer is required to have an annual physical within the last 12 months and furnish upon check in a medical record signed by a physician. The BSA annual health and medical record can be found here:

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf

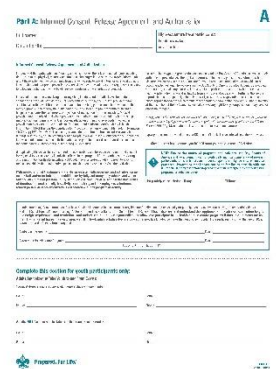
Group (unit) Planning:

Upon Arrival each troop will be in groups of no more than 20 Scouts/volunteers (this will be your troop). Each cohort will be assigned a different color bracelet for the week and will only buddy up and interact with Scouts from their cohort.

CHECK-IN PROCEDURE AND MEDICAL SCREENING

Medical Screening:

The first step in the check-in process will be a scheduled check-in screening with our Health Officer and Camp Nurse. Each troop will be assigned a specific check-in time and check-in location to properly spread out and eliminate congestion and mixing of units. The health staff will review Health Forms, the BSA Pre-Event Medical Screening Check List, and will do an onsite screening before allowing troops and individual campers in the campsite.

A screenshot of a BSA Pre-Event Medical Screening Check List form. The form is titled "BSA Pre-Event Medical Screening Check List" and includes fields for "Troop Name", "Event Name", "Event Dates", and "Event Location". It also has a section for "Medical History" with checkboxes for "Allergies", "Current Medications", "Recent Illnesses", "Chronic Conditions", "Immunizations", and "Travel History". There is a "Signature" line and a "Date" line at the bottom. The form is marked with a small "A" in the top right corner.

Daily Health Screening:

As part of the initial check-in process, each cohort will assign an adult volunteer to serve as the Campsite Safety Officer and provide that person's name to the Camp Health Officer. That person's responsibility will be to fill out and submit a Daily Health Screening Check List for each camper in the cohort. This person will also be responsible for ensuring sanitation of the bathroom facilities and to ensure that all campers use hand sanitizer, regularly wash their hands, and wear masks.

No Travel Outside of Camp:

Once campers and adult volunteers check-in and complete the initial medical screening, we strongly recommend that campers and adult volunteers do not leave the camp property for the entirety of their 6 day stay (any deviations will need to be discussed with camp administration to determine risk factors). This will ensure a safer camp bubble once all campers are checked in.

PPE AND ALTERED ACTIVITIES

Masks:

Once checked in at camp, campers may be required to wear masks during merit badge programs. This will be dependent on the ability to spread out and provide social distance amongst program participants.

Masks will not be worn during swimming, while eating, while sleeping, and when showering. The campers will be required to bring their own masks.

We will have a supply of masks available throughout the summer at the Camp Health Lodge.

Signs reminding everyone to “wear their mask” will be displayed in all areas, dining hall, and congregate living areas.

Hand Washing and Sanitizing:

Hand sanitizer will be available in camp and at all program areas. Campers will be encouraged to routinely wash their hands and sanitize before each class and before all meals.

Altered Activities and Physical Distancing:

Physical activities such as field sports will be changed to limit contact. Campers will need to maintain physical distance of six feet. Signage will be posted at all program areas, and at the dining hall to remind campers of physical distancing requirement.

Camp Fire Amphitheater: Outdoor Performance Venue:

Each week campers enjoy a campfire show at the amphitheater. We will follow state guidelines to allow for proper social distancing.

No Unexpected or Unscheduled Visitors:

Unexpected or unscheduled visitors can potentially increase risk of infection, no visitors will be allowed without the express permission of the Edmund D. Strang Scout Reservation Camp Director or Program Director.



COHORTING: CAMPSITES AND PROGRAM AREAS

Upon arrival each troop will be a group (unit). The troop will be assigned a color bracelet that will remain on the campers and adults for the entirety of their stay.

Each unit is assigned a campsite. This will be their personal space for the week. The sleeping area will consist of open air wall tents with approx. 81 square feet of floor space, 2 campers per tent sleeping head to foot. Adult volunteers will have one person per tent.

Bathroom facilities will be sanitized on a routine basis, at a minimum three times daily, and cleaning supplies will be given to each unit for cleaning as needed. The Safety Officer is responsible for ensuring that the bathroom facilities are cleaned and sanitized. Tents and cots will be sanitized at the end of each week prior to the arrival of the next group of campers.

When not in the campsite, Scouts will partner up with a buddy from their unit. Program class room space will follow classroom guidelines with proper signage and social distancing. Picnic tables and other seating areas will have the proper signage in order to keep social distancing. In programs where partners are needed (ie. Rowing or canoeing), staff will ensure that only Scouts from the same unit are partners.

FOOD SERVICE ALTERATIONS

Our traditional family style meals will be eliminated. We will offer meals served buffet style. Mealtimes will also be expanded to have multiple assigned time slots for each unit.

The dining hall facilities will be arranged to allow proper social distancing at tables if units decide to eat in the dining hall. Seating will be allowed in the dining hall not to exceed current recommended capacity. Campers will have the option to take their meals to their campsite or sit in our outside seating area.

All tables and hard surfaces will be disinfected on a routine bases after each use. The Dining hall will be properly ventilated to allow air flow and clean air exchange into the large space.



PROGRAM AREA/ CLASSROOM SPACE PROTOCOL

Disinfecting and Cleaning:

Staff will be trained in proper cleaning of program equipment and all touch surfaces. There will be no shared equipment and all equipment will be disinfected in between classes.

For example:

Waterfront Equipment Disinfect List:

- All used PFDs
- Spray down boat seats if used
- Wipe down oars

Shooting Sports Equipment Disinfect List:

- Wipe down all bow on the line
- Wipe down arrows
- Wipe down any eye protection

Crafts Equipment Disinfect List:

- Wipe down all leather working tools
- Clean all paint brushes
- Wipe down all touched surfaces
- Wipe down hammers

Proper Signage and PPE for Classroom space:

Each program area will be supplied with proper PPE (extra masks) and hand sanitizer for all campers. Hand sanitizing will be enforced before class starts and when campers leave. Proper social distancing and mask wearing signs will be prominently displayed as a reminder for all campers. Program areas that require seating will have appropriate space to allow for social distancing. All indoor classroom space will have appropriate ventilation to allow for air flow and proper exchange of air.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Standing Orders:

Camp Standing Orders will be reviewed and approved by the Camp Health Supervisor to include COVID-19 Action Steps in the event a camper exhibits symptom of COVID-19 while at camp. The camp will set up and have at the ready a quarantine isolation area staffed by the Professional Health Lodge Staff.