

Pathway to Adventure Council COVID-19 Reopening FAQ

1. If we live in the suburbs or Indiana, do we have to follow the Chicago reopening procedures?

All PTAC units must follow the City of Chicago's Reopening Plan and the CDC guidelines for sickness prevention.

Yes, all PTAC units, Scouts, and Scouters are required to follow the reopening procedures of the City of Chicago. As of 5/3/2020, we will enter Phase 3, which will allow for the gathering of 10 or fewer people. All people present at Scouting events or meetings must practice social distancing and wear a face mask.

2. Why are we following Chicago's reopening schedule when we don't live in the city?

The Pathway to Adventure Council headquarters and insurance and liabilities are based in Chicago. Therefore, we must follow the city's guidance. Furthermore, PTAC operates units and camps in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin. To keep all Scouts healthy and to keep the response consistent throughout all four states, we are following the strictest guidelines, which were provided by the City of Chicago.

3. When can we go camping?

All PTAC units must follow the City of Chicago's Reopening Plan and the CDC guidelines for sickness prevention.

Please follow the regulations outlined by the forest preserve or campground in which you plan to camp, practice social distancing, and wear a face mask. There is no formal national policy on social distancing in tents, just as there is no prohibition on tenting alone if logistics can accommodate that request. As always, all BSA youth protection policies must be followed.

4. Will PTAC properties be open for rentals this summer?

PTAC is planning to begin council camp property rentals starting on July 1, 2020. PTAC will follow the City of Chicago's Reopening Plan and CDC guidelines, including social distancing and wearing face masks. The properties will be open for tent camping only; The use of cabins, boats/canoes, and other camp equipment will be prohibited. Please contact Joe Stocchero at Joseph.Stocchero@scouting.org. These plans are subject to change based on the latest Chicago guidelines.

5. When will the Service Centers and Scout Shops be open?

The Pathway to Adventure Scout Shops and Service Centers in Arlington Heights, Chicago, La Grange, and the temporary location in Highland, Indiana will reopen for business on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. All visitors must wear a mask and are subject to a temperature check and health questionnaire. There are also markers on the floor to indicate a 6-foot distance from others.

6. Do we have to follow social distancing guidelines when meeting?

Yes, all Scouts and Scouters must follow social distancing guidelines (6 feet apart from each other) when meeting.

7. Will PTAC camps now be open for summer camp programs?

PTAC summer camp programs will remain closed this summer. Instead, PTAC will offer virtual camp programs for Scouts in Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA. Information on virtual camp opportunities will be available soon.

8. When can district events resume?

All PTAC units must follow the City of Chicago's Reopening Plan and the CDC guidelines for sickness prevention.

All gatherings and events are limited to 10 or fewer people (including Scouts, leaders, and families). Larger group gatherings will be permitted as we progress through the reopening phases but are not allowed at this time.

9. Is there a limit to the number of Scouts that can meet in-person?

All PTAC units must follow the City of Chicago's Reopening Plan and the CDC guidelines for sickness prevention.

Yes, all gatherings should be limited to 10 or fewer people.

10. If our unit does not feel comfortable meeting in-person at this time, can we continue to meet virtually?

Yes, please feel free to continue to use technology to host virtual meetings and encourage parents to use this opportunity to teach their kids the lessons that they would be learning during their Scout meetings.