



COVID Update:

Shenandoah Area Council Scouting activities and considerations in a pandemic (Covid-19) environment.

The safety of our Scouts, volunteers, scouting families, and staff continue to be our first and foremost main concern. We are working closely with our local health officials, BSA National and the American Camp Association to implement practices that address the issues related to this pandemic including medical screening, social distancing and sanitation making sure we follow all restrictions and guidelines.

Effective May 1, 2021, the Commonwealth of Virginia has released updated protocols for general social gatherings including outdoor activities and overnight camping of people from mixed families with specific protocols to incorporate for the safe operation of overnight camping programs.

These revised COVID guidelines include the following:

- Anyone that is in the “High Risk” category should STAY AT HOME.
- Everyone registering to participate in an outdoor activity, must monitor themselves, and those they interact with regularly, for two-weeks prior to the program. Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 or answering YES to the pre-screen questions should STAY AT HOME.
- Everyone coming to the activity should avoid “car-pooling” with other people not in their normal circle of influence.
- Everyone is required to be screened by event staff BEFORE entering the main activity area. Anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19 or answering YES to the pre-screen questions WILL BE SENT HOME. (see Pre-Screen Checklist)
- Current “social distancing” guidelines must always be followed including wearing a face covering and maintaining a minimum of 6’ distance.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at all program areas and activity stations.
- Overnight camping with participants from mixed families in the same campsite is permitted.
 - Limited to a maximum of 25 people in a group
 - Two people per tent sleep head to toe
 - Spaced a minimum of 10’ from other groups
- Outdoor Program Areas & Activity Stations
 - Participants will be split into appropriately sized groups according to current guidelines to maintain proper social distancing.
 - One group at an activity station at a time or maintain a minimum of 10’ from participants in other groups.
 - Face coverings must be worn by staff and participants.
 - All non-natural surfaces in program areas will be sanitized between sessions.
 - All equipment and materials will be sanitized between use.
 - Opening or closing ceremonies and campfires will follow social distancing guidelines.
 - Maintain a minimum of 10’ distance between groups
 - Face coverings worn by participants and staff
- Indoor Areas & Activity Stations
 - Face coverings worn by participants and staff
 - Social distance markers on the floors to indicate the minimum of 6’ spacing
 - Physical barriers between staff and participants at check-out/in stations
- Post-Event Monitoring
 - Staff and participants are required to report to the Event management if they test positive for COVID-19 within 14-days following the end of the event.

Please be assured that we will continue to implement procedures to ensure we are operating programs and activities as safely as possible under current “COVID-19 guidelines” It is our intention to conduct as many of our programs as possible this year and our hope is to be back too normal as soon as it is safe.

If you have any questions contact CRECampDirector@scouting.org or call 540-858-2551.

COVID-19 Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist

Anyone attending an in-person Shenandoah Area Council meeting, activity or event (whether at the Armstrong Scout Service Center, Camp Rock Enon or other location) including youth or adult participants, visitors, vendors, etc., must review the medical screening below to verify their current health status upon arrival before congregating with others and/or participating .

- Yes No Have you or has anyone in your household been in [close contact*](#) in the past 14 days with anyone known or suspected to have COVID-19 or is otherwise sick?
- Yes No Have you or has anyone in your household been in [close contact*](#) with anyone who has been tested for COVID-19 and is waiting for results?
- Yes No Have you or has anyone in your household been sick in the past 14 days, or have you or they been tested for any illness and are waiting for results?
- Yes No Has anyone in your household been exposed to an individual known or suspected to have COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- Yes No Have you or has anyone you have been in [close contact*](#) with traveled on a cruise ship or internationally or to an area with a known communicable disease outbreak in the past 14 days?

***According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), "close contact" means:**

- You were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period
- You had direct physical contact with an infected person (hugged or kissed them)
- You shared eating or drinking utensils
- An infected person sneezed, coughed, or otherwise got respiratory droplets on you

If the answer is **YES to any one of the five questions above, the participant must stay home.**

If all answers above are **NO, proceed to the symptoms list below.**

Symptoms of COVID-19 If **anyone** in your household has **ANY ONE** of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19,

THE ENTIRE HOUSEHOLD MUST STAY AT HOME.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath | <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle or body aches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cough | <input type="checkbox"/> Headache |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fever of 100.0° or greater | <input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flu-like symptoms | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of taste or smell |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Repeated shaking with chills | <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue | <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea or vomiting |

Potential Higher-Risk Individuals

- Yes No Are you in a higher-risk category as defined by the [CDC guidelines](#), including older adults, people with medical conditions, and those with other individual circumstances?

If the answer is "yes," we recommend that you stay home.

Should you choose to participate, you must have approval from your health care provider.

If you answer **YES** to any of the above questions or symptoms:
STAY AT HOME!



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