

# RESTART SCOUTING SAFELY PLANNING GUIDE\*

\* Be sure to **abide by guidance and restrictions from the state or county for your activity destination as well as your point of origin** if applicable.

\* Always consult with your Chartered Organization before conducting an activity, and abide by the organizations guidelines.

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\* Please contact your District Executive if you have questions or concerns regarding the safe restart of Scouting in your unit.


\* When planning unit activities, insure that there is adequate adult supervision. Consider if activity/meeting can be done outside. Finally, consider how the activity might be perceived by others.


**RESTART SCOUTING CHECKLIST** - <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-693.pdf>

**INDIANA COVID 19 RISK LEVEL GUIDELINES BY COUNTY** - <https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/2393.htm>

<b>Blue County - Less than 5%</b>	<b>Yellow County - 5-9.9%</b>	<b>Orange &amp; Red County 10% and greater</b>
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<b>Meetings &amp; Unit Activities</b> 		
<p>1. Scouts meet with Social Distance of at least 6 feet (except for family members) &amp; wear face coverings in any indoor location and outdoors when unable to consistently maintain a distance of six feet or more.</p> <p>2. Avoid gathering all Scouts in one large group. Divide the Scouting unit into groups (patrols/dens) of no more than 10 people and avoid mixing Scouts from each group. Account for two-deep leadership in the maximum group size number of 10.</p>	<p>1. Scouts meet with Social Distance of at least 6 feet (except for family members) &amp; wear face coverings in any indoor location and outdoors when unable to consistently maintain a distance of six feet or more.</p> <p>2. Avoid gathering all Scouts in one large group. Divide the Scouting unit into groups (patrols/dens) of no more than 10 people and avoid mixing Scouts from each group. Account for two-deep leadership in the maximum group size number of 10.</p>	Virtual Programs and Meetings Only

<b>Dining &amp; Food Prep</b> 		
<p><u>Develop dining protocols to include:</u></p> <p>1. No self-serve buffet meals or common water coolers. Use disposable utensils, napkins, cups and plates. Clean and disinfect eating and cooking gear after each use. Ensure proper sanitation and handwashing.</p> <p>2. No congregating under dining fly or pavilion. If utilizing picnic tables, continue to maintain social distancing.</p>	<p><u>Develop dining protocols to include:</u></p> <p>1. No self-serve buffet meals or common water coolers. Use disposable utensils, napkins, cups and plates. Clean and disinfect eating and cooking gear after each use. Ensure proper sanitation and handwashing.</p> <p>2. No congregating under dining fly or pavilion. If utilizing picnic tables, continue to maintain social distancing.</p> <p>3. Consider any food preparation and handling to be done by a limited number of people and use a 'grab-and-go' pre-packaged approach to meal service. Consider having at least one adult that reviews <i>ServSafe</i> guidelines and ensures that any youth involved in food service are directly supervised by adults. Visit <a href="http://www.servsafe.com">www.servsafe.com</a> for more information on food preparation amidst the Coronavirus.</p>	Virtual Programs and Meetings Only

<b>Camping</b> 		
<p><u>Develop tenting protocols to include:</u></p> <p>One Scout per tent unless Scouts are from the same household. 6 feet of space between tents. No more than 10 people per campsite. Social distance at all times, including during camp fire &amp; meal times.</p> <p>1. Council camps open August 1 for overnight camping. Limited redefined Campsites available w/ maximum occupancy of 10 people. Buildings remain closed.</p>	<p><u>Develop tenting protocols to include:</u></p> <p>One Scout per tent unless Scouts are from the same household. 6 feet of space between tents. No more than 10 people per campsite. Social distance at all times, including during camp fire &amp; meal times.</p> <p>1. Council camps open August 1 for overnight camping. Limited redefined Campsites available w/ maximum occupancy of 10 people. Buildings remain closed.</p>	Virtual Programs and Meetings Only
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## Transportation

1. Avoid Carpooling, unless Scouts are from the same household. If required, disinfect vehicle prior and following use, wear facial covering and insure good ventilation.
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## Health and Safety

1. Ensure Scouts and Scouters self-screen (at a minimum) before attending unit functions.
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## Council Service Center & Scout Shop Support

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Hoosier Trails Council Staff available virtually and on a limited in person basis. (Please always pre-schedule appointments)

Council Service Center & Scout Shop will operate on limited hours (Masks Required, Maintain Social Distancing).

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**1.** Develop your Scout Unit's COVID-19 'Restart Scouting Safely' plan with your unit committee.



**2.** Share your plan with your Scout Unit's Chartered Organization. Discuss other requirements and guidelines they may have in place and if your Scout unit has permission to begin using their facilities/ space for meetings.



**3.** Communicate your unit's plan to your Scouting families. Be sensitive to all families and consider offering a hybrid (both in-person and virtual) program to ensure all Scouts have the opportunity to participate. Parents should only resume Scouting when they are comfortable. Parents are highly encouraged to ask their unit leadership questions about the unit's plan to restart Scouting safely and a unit should ONLY begin meeting if social distancing can be assured.



**4.** Monitor and adjust your unit's plan to be current with any new local, state, or federal changes.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer frequently. Avoid touching your face. Cover coughs or sneezes (e.g., into a tissue, or elbow). For more resources to reduce the risk of spread visit the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>



Per CDC, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. This list of symptoms can change as more is learned about COVID-19, and CDC updates this list on its website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

### In the event of a COVID 19 exposure:

1. Immediately isolate those exposed from other people and notify family/families. Exposed individual(s) should seek immediate medical care.

2. Report the exposure to the local county department of public health:

If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms, such as cough or difficulty breathing, call your healthcare provider for medical advice. If you have a medical appointment, call your doctor's office or emergency department, and tell them you have or may have COVID-19.



This will help the office protect themselves and other patients. You can also consult a healthcare provider through telehealth, if that is an option.

The ISDH call center for healthcare providers and members of the public who have concerns about COVID-19 will be staffed 24 hours a day at 317-233-7125.

3. Report the incident through the National Boy Scouts of America's incident reporting tool at <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/incident-report/covid-19-incidents-exposures-supplemental-instructions/>

4. Notify your District Executive. Contact names, phone numbers and emails can be found at <https://www.hoosiertrailsbsa.org/727>



For information on developing a contact tracing plan or for more resources visit the National BSA COVID resource website at <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/incident-report/covid-19-incidents-exposures-supplemental-instructions/>