



## SUMMER CAMP COVID-19 UPDATE & POLICIES

**This document will serve as the most up-to-date information on the summer camp COVID-19 policies and procedures. Please note the date this was updated in the footer.**

### Changes to the Camp Program

The summer camp program will be different from any summer camp experience you or any of your scouts have ever participated in. The camp is going to look, feel, and be different than summer camps. The camp management team is working to adapt the program to meet the new guidelines being developed by our regulatory agencies.

Mitigation Plans for the summer include:

- Communicable Disease education – before and during camp.
- Multiple levels of health screening – before and during camp.
- Limiting camp visitors.
- Handwashing /sanitizer stations throughout camp.
- Enhanced cleaning, sanitation of common areas & high-touch surfaces and common areas.
- Updated response plan and quarantine procedures for staff and campers.

The camp will be following the idea and plan of “concentric groups”. The most basic group will consist of 8-10 people, and this will be the group the Scouts and Leaders will be spending their time with as they participate in Scouting activities throughout the week. In Scouts BSA terminology, they will be using the patrol method throughout the week. Patrols will need to remain socially distant from all the other patrols in the Troop and with patrols from all other patrols at camp throughout the week.

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**Securing Leadership:** The troop committee should meet and determine if your unit has appropriate adult leadership who can attend summer camp. Everyone attending summer camp has the potential to be exposed to the COVID-19 virus. If the summer camp participant lives in a household with those at high-risk for severe illness from COVID-19 they should discuss the situation with their health care professional to determine if a summer camp is an appropriate place for a member of the household. If a troop cannot secure adequate adult leaders, consider an alternate week, or cancel your reservation to receive a refund.

**Preparing Families:** If the troop has adequate adult leadership, then move forward to having conversations with parents to discuss if attending camp will be a good fit for them and their family. It may not be recommended for a Scout or adult leader who is classified as “at-risk” or if the families have “vulnerable” individuals living in their household to attending camp this summer. Adult leaders and Scouts should discuss their situation, with their healthcare providers and follow their recommendations.

Once the Troop has identified the Scouts and Families that are ready for a camping experience, the real work begins in educating them on the necessary procedures for a successful summer program.

It is important to remember that a “Healthy Camp Begins and Ends at Home!” Leaders should work with their Scouts families to ensure that the Scouts and families do their part for a successful camp experience this summer. Scouts and Families are responsible for completing the following steps:

- Pre-attendance Education



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- Pre-Camp Health Screening
- Departure Day Health Screening

### Pre-Attendance Education

**Staying Home When Appropriate:** All Scouts and Families need to know that it is OK to stay home from Camp if they are feeling ill. If a camper or family member meets any of the “at-risk” criteria, they should not attend camp this summer. If the Scout or a family member is sick or has recently had contact with a person with COVID-19 or an Influenza-like Illness - they should stay home. The Denver Area Council will refund the campers fee if they cannot attend camp due to an illness in the Scout or their household.

**Hand Hygiene:** Parents should be teaching/reinforcing handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Hands must be washed as follows:

- Before, during, and after preparing food
- Before eating food
- Before and after treating a cut or wound
- After using the toilet
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After touching an animal, animal feed, or animal waste
- After touching garbage

If soap and water are not available, hand sanitizer is appropriate if it contains at least 60% alcohol. Scouts and Leaders attending camp this summer should have a personal size bottle of hand sanitizer and should be using it regularly.

**Respiratory Etiquette:** Covering coughs and sneezes and keeping hands clean can help prevent the spread of serious respiratory illnesses like influenza, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), whooping cough, and COVID-19.

#### Germs can easily be spread by:

- Coughing, sneezing, or talking
- Touching your face with unwashed hands after touching contaminated surfaces or objects.
- Touching surfaces or objects that may be frequently touched by other people.

#### To help stop the spread of germs:

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Throw used tissues into the trash
- If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hands.
- Remember to immediately wash your hands after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

**Social Distancing:** Social Distancing, also called “physical distancing” means keeping space between yourself and other people. To practice social or physical distancing:

- Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people
- Do not gather in large groups
- If you must be close to others, ensure that everyone is wearing a Cloth Face Covering.

**Cloth Face Coverings:** All Scouts and leaders will be wearing cloth face coverings throughout their week at camp. Cloth face coverings are meant to protect other people in case the wearer is unknowingly infected but does not have symptoms. Scouts need to know proper use, removal, and care for them.



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Scouts and leaders should be prepared with at least 7 cloth face coverings to get them through the week. Cloth Face Coverings will be required for most activities and times during their week of camp. Campers need to know that they will be required to wear them regularly while at camp.

### Pre-Camp Health Screening

Due to the pandemic, the Denver Area Council will require Scouts and their families to participate in a pre-camp health screening, Appendix A: Parents will need to begin the Health Screening 14 days before the Scouts arrive at camp. The Health Screening consists of a few questions regarding the general health of the Scout and family. The family will also have to take daily temperature checks and symptom screening. These results will be recorded on the “Pre-Camp Health Screening” form which will be reviewed by the leader before departing for camp and come with the Scout to Camp.

### Departure Medical Screening

The Adult Leader responsible for the Troop will also need to complete the Departure Medical Screening for each Scout and Adult Leader attending camp. Troops should meet at their designated rendezvous point and ensure that the campers all have their necessary paperwork complete and in order.

### Departing for Camp

**Departure Rendezvous:** Troops should pick a designated meeting location to assemble for camp. Scouts should arrive and begin to form up into their specific patrols, separate from the other patrols in the Troop. Once the patrol is formed up, a Scout Leader should then begin the process of completing the “Departure Day Health Screening” and ensure that every Scout has complete the “Pre-Camp Health Screening.”

Scouts should ride in vehicles with the same scouts that will be in their patrol for the week. Cloth face coverings should be worn while traveling to camp. The troop should make sure that the traveling party is limited to a driver and the Scouts attending camp. Do not bring extra people to camp. This applies to other troop members not attending camp.

Equipment and packs should be consolidated into a single trailer or troop vehicle that will be allowed access to the campsite. These vehicles should be loaded one patrol at a time.

*[More information will be provided with more guidance from local agencies.]*