



## 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 this year will be slightly different from past summer camp experiences. The camp is going to look, feel, and be different than summer camps in past. 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.
- Use of N.P.I. (Non-Pharmaceutical Intervention)
- 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.

### Summary

Our goal is to return camp operations to “Pre-Pandemic” programming as soon as practical. These State and Local governing agencies seem to be easing restrictions and making changes to guidance weekly. We will provide updates as needed & final programming updates will be at the 11-day meeting.

For a successful Summer – Camp will be implementing several **N.P.I. (Non-Pharmaceutical Intervention)** measures to reduce the risk of potential COVID spread. These measures include but are not limited to facial coverings, consistent hand washing station & social distancing whenever possible. The camp program will be modeling a “rotation schedule” where youth will travel to set locations on camp for merit badge & program activities. At the program areas, participants will practice social distancing of 6-8 feet whenever possible. A mask or facial covering is required whenever 6 foot or less from another person on camp. Most of the programming will occur outdoors. All participants (Scouts & Adults Leaders) need to be prepared for foul weather & cold temperatures with adequate clothing. During extreme weather, programming may stop with campers returning to campsites.

For most of the camp (except for program areas), we will be following the idea and plan of “concentric groups”. The recommended group size for each concentric group is **50**. If a Unit's total size is more than the recommended group size, then the Unit should divide equally into 2 or 3 sub-groups. These groups & sub-groups should not mix whenever possible.

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**Please read the rest of the document for more details.**



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### Planning For Camp

**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. Vaccines are widely available, and we are encouraging all adult leaders attending camp to be fully vaccinated prior to attending. Please consult with your health care provider or local health Department to find vaccines in your surrounding areas .

**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
- 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. **Everyone should bring their own personal bottle of hand sanitizer to camp.**



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**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 when social distancing cannot be maintained. 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. 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 10 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 & record that data in CampDocs.** 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. The Departure Day Screening will be on the Dobbins website ([www.DeverBoyScouts.org/Dobbins](http://www.DeverBoyScouts.org/Dobbins)).



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### Departing for Camp

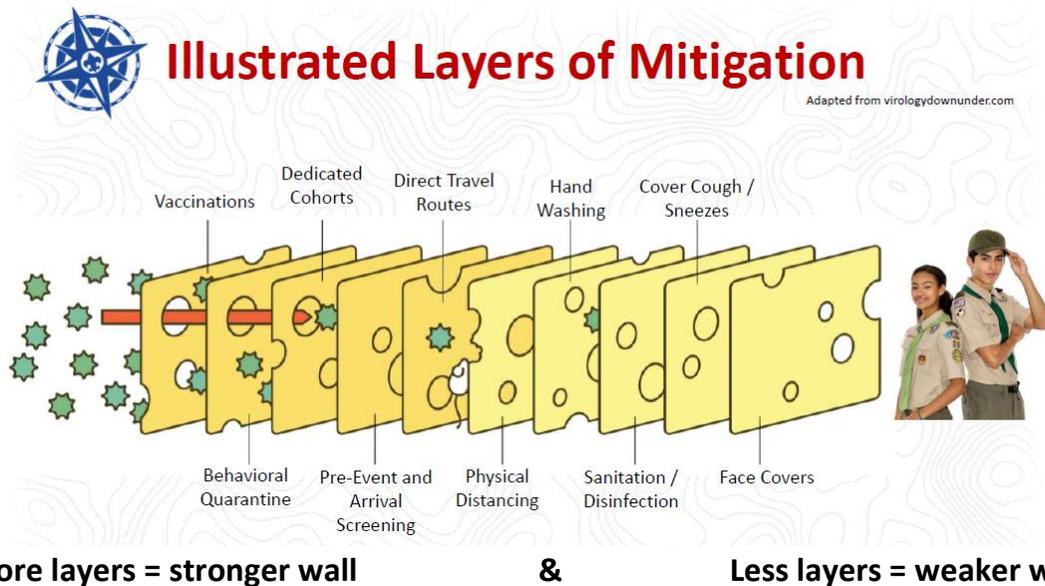
**Departure Rendezvous:** Troops should pick a designated meeting location to assemble for camp. Scouts should arrive and begin to form up into their specific patrols, separate from the other patrols in the Troop. Once the patrol is formed up, a Scout Leader should then begin the process of completing 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.

### At Camp

**The Swiss Cheese Model:** The Swiss Cheese Model is the recommended practice from the National Office & our Local Governing Agencies. The model explains how practicing multiple layers of N.P.I. or Non-Pharmaceutical Intervention helps mitigate the potential spread of the COVID virus. Each layer of N.P.I. is like a slice of Swiss Cheese – it has holes. The goal is to add multiple layers of Swiss Cheese to cover the holes to make a solid wall of protection.



**Arriving At Camp:** Units should arrive all together & at their scheduled arrival time so that check-in process operate smoothly. Everyone should remain within their vehicles until instructed by a Camp Staff member.

**At The Campsite:** A Facial Covering is Required whenever 6-8 foot social distancing cannot be maintained. It is encouraged that any sub-groups or groups practice social distancing whenever possible. When not possible – A Facial Covering is Required. Campsite tent arrangements are 2 individuals per



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tent sleeping heads at opposite ends. Youth Protection guidelines still must be maintained. It is the responsibility of each unit to clean “high touch points” within their own campsites. This includes but is not limited to tables, door handles & any surfaces that are used regularly. While cleaning supplies will be located at common areas across camp – units should acquire their own hand sanitizer & disinfectant wipes for personal use.

**At Any Program Area:** A Facial Covering is Required at all times. When arriving at any program area – please practice social distancing by remaining 6 feet from others. It is encouraged to have every youth bring a Camp Chair to allow for program instruction to practice 6-8 foot social distancing. Everyone should wash their hands before, during and after being at a program area to help minimize potential spread.

Aquatic Areas: A Facial Covering is required when arriving. Depending on the program being offered – removing the facial covering is appropriate. This will be determined by the staff in that area.

Climbing & Cycling: A Facial Covering is required when arriving. It might be appropriate to remove the facial covering – depending on the program being offered. Social distancing should be practiced as much as possible. This will be determined by the staff in that area.

**At The Dining Hall:** A Facial Covering is Required when standing or traveling. If you are sitting at your table eating – a facial covering is not required. Everyone should wash their hands before and after being in the dining hall to help minimize potential spread. All persons will leave before cleaning except the 2 scouts per troop that stay behind to clean.

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