



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 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. The 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. Campers should come to camp w/ their own folding camp chair to make merit badge sessions more comfortable for the campers. 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” or Cohorts. The recommended group size for each concentric group is **50**. If a Units 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.

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 participants 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



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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.**

Respiratory (Cough) 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 required to wear a cloth face covering throughout their time at camp when social distancing cannot be maintained. Cloth face coverings are meant to protect other people in case someone is unknowingly infected but does not have symptoms. Scouts & Leaders need to know how to properly use, remove & care for cloth face covering, and everyone should be prepared with at least 10 cloth face coverings to get them through the week. Be aware **ALL Campers will be required to wear cloth face covering regularly while at camp.**



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Out of State vs. In-State Travelling

Per the Colorado State Health Department, individuals travelling to camp must always wear a facial covering unless everyone within the vehicle is apart of the same family. It is highly recommended that units over the size of 50 (adults & youth total) create smaller groups to travel in to help minimize the potential spread. Anyone suspected or diagnosed with COVID may not travel out of the state (by air or vehicle) and must remain in quarantine per Colorado State Health Department Requirements. Those who do not follow this requirement will be reported to the local Health Department and subject to their ruling.

Pre-Camp Health Screening

The Denver Area Council will require Scouts and their families to participate in a pre-camp health screening. Parents will need to begin the Health Screening 14 days before the Scouts arrive at camp. It consists of a few questions regarding the general health of the Scout and family. **The family will also have to complete daily temperature checks & record all data in the "Pre-Camp Health Screening" section within CampDocs.** These results should be reviewed by the leader before departing for camp.

Departing for Camp

Departure Rendezvous: The Adult Leader responsible for the Troop will need to complete the Day of Departure Screening for each Scout and Adult Leader attending camp. Troops should meet at their designated rendezvous point and ensure that all campers have their necessary paperwork completed and in order prior to departure. The Day of Departure Screening Form will be on the Dobbins website (www.DenverBoyScouts.org/Dobbins).

Scouts should ride in vehicles with the group that will be in their patrol for the week. Cloth face coverings should be always worn within the vehicle unless all individuals are a part of the same family. Passengers within vehicles should only be those 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.



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At Camp

Arrival Procedures:

1. Arrive at Checkpoints to ensure all members are together.
 - a. 1st Point: Horse Corral
 - b. 2nd Point: HQ (Back-end road)
2. Campsite host greets Unit Leader & collects the Day of Departure Form for every Adult & Youth attending Camp.
3. Campsite host does temperature check on every Adult & Youth.
4. Once approved – the Unit Leader & SPL may proceed to HQ for Check-In. A cloth facial covering will be required at HQ.
5. Campsite host gathers the remaining Troop members & guides them to campsite. Instructions for gear drop off will be provided at Check-In.

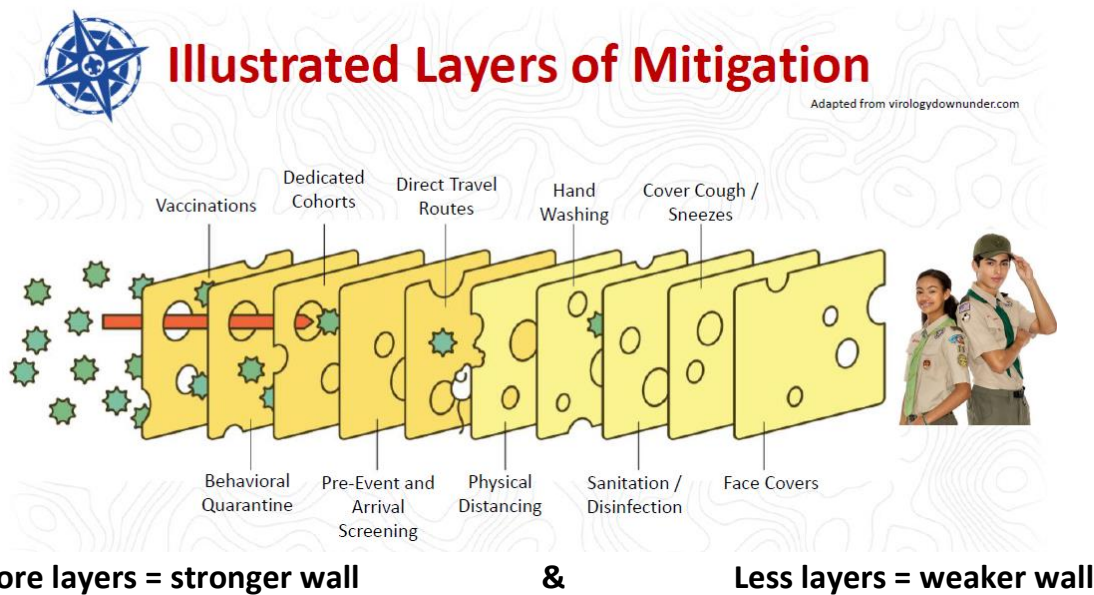
In the case of missing Day of Departure Screening Forms:

1. Ask Scoutmaster for Day of Departure Screening Form
2. Call Parents to get Form.
3. Call Camp Medical Officer for final decision.

In the case of potential wellness concerns:

1. Call Parents to get Information.
2. Call Camp Medical Officer for final decision. All decisions made by the Camp Medical Staff are final.

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.





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Daily Symptom Check: Each morning the Unit Leader will conduct a symptom & temperature check for each Adult & Youth. The Leader will be provided with a touchless thermometer and their participant roster laid out on a spread sheet. The spread sheet will have sections that allow the Unit Leader to check symptoms on each day of the week at camp. All symptom information must be provided to the Campsite host before leaving the campsite for daily programs.

If any symptoms or fevers arise among any participant in the unit, the entire unit will be asked to remain in the campsite until a member of the camp medical staff can come complete an additional health check and provide further guidance.

At The Campsite: A Facial Covering is required whenever 6-8 feet of social distancing cannot be maintained. It is encouraged that cohorts be maintained within the campsites & that all groups practice social distancing whenever possible. The tent arrangements provided are for 2 individuals per tent sleeping heads at opposite ends, however it recommended that individuals bring their own tent for maximum prevention. Youth Protection guidelines still must still 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. We encouraged every youth bring a folding Camp Chair to use for program instruction. Everyone should wash their hands before, during, and after being at a program area to help minimize potential spread.

Aquatic Areas, Climbing & Cycling: A Facial Covering is required when arriving. Depending on the program being offered – removing the facial covering may be appropriate. This will be determined by the staff in that area. Social distancing should be practiced as much as possible.

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. For cleaning – two (2) scouts will stay behind to assist the staff, all other troop members should disperse from the Dining Hall.

Quarantine Procedures: If potential infection or diagnosis is determined by the Camp Medical staff, then the following protocols will be in place:

1. The individual(s) suspected of being infected will be moved to an isolation tent near the Health Lodge.
2. Everyone else within the cohort will be asked to isolate to the campsite.
3. Those impacted by a suspected case should await further instructions from the Camp Medical Staff.



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Denver Area Council's Authorization to Test for COVID-19

I authorize that the McNeil Scout Ranch at Peaceful Valley Medical Staff to aid in applying COVID-19 rapid test given to my scout if he/she shows COVID-19 symptoms. You as the parent or guardian will be called after the test. If the test comes back negative your scout will go back to normal camp activity. If the test comes back positive the scout will be put into quarantine for 10 days.

Unit # _____

Parent's Name _____

Campsite _____

Child's Name _____

Parent or guardian signature and date



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COVID-19 Mitigation Plan Acknowledgement Form

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- McNeil Scout Ranch and the Denver Area Council along with Public Health have explicit authorization from the parents/guardian to test campers for COVID-19 while participating in summer camp.
- All suspected and confirmed cases will be reported to the local health department and the Colorado Department of Health (public health) within 24 hours.
- The Public Health Department will make the final determination of who is in close contact and who will be isolated or quarantine.
- If the Camper is in quarantine or isolation the family must adhere to the travel rules established by the Public Health Department which include the following:
 - o Campers/Leaders who are in quarantine or isolation may not travel by air.
 - o Campers/Leaders who are in quarantine or isolation may not leave the State of Colorado without permission from Public Health.
 - o Campers/Leaders who are in quarantine or isolation my only travel by car if they can reach their destination without stopping (for gas, rest stops, etc)
- If parents would like to remove a camper in isolation or quarantine from camp, but cannot get them home while following the travel rules, the parent may choose to stay in a hotel with their child for the duration of the quarantine or isolation.
 - o The cost for this is covered by parents/guardian,
 - o If a camper in quarantine develops COVID-19, their parent. guardian must remain in the hotel for the duration of their quarantine (i.e., if a child gets COVID-19, their parent/guardian will need to start a 7 or 10 quarantine after the 10th day of a child’s isolation)
 - o No one in isolation/quarantine may leave the hotel room including to obtain food.
- Public Health has the final determination for determining COVID-19 procedures and can amend these policies at their discretion.

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Parent’s Name _____

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_____ Parent or guardian signature and date

I have read, and I understand McNeil Scout Ranch at Peaceful Valleys COVID-19 Mitigation Plan document.