

## **Golden Spread Council COVID-19 Summer Programs Screening Policy and Procedures**

In order to promote the safety of Scouts, Families, and Staff (attendees) during in-person programs held in 2020, the Golden Spread Council (GSC) has implemented a four (4) part procedure to mitigate the risk of viral transfer between those present at GSC Summer Programs. These procedures are in addition to existing policies and procedures, and do not negate any current camp standards and practices. These procedures have been developed using the guidance of the Center for Disease Control, Texas Public Health Department, National Council BSA, and other applicable bodies. GSC reserves the right to update these procedures as conditions and updated recommendations require. It is the responsibility of the attendee to familiarize themselves with the policies before attending GSC Summer Programs. Failure to follow the policy may result in cancelation of registration or removal from the Summer Program.

The responsibility for safety and hygiene at our programs falls on all parties involved, and adherence to the policies and procedures outlined in the document is required of all participants, staff, and (if permitted) visitors to GSC Summer Programs. Additionally, all attendees are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the information made available by the CDC and State of Texas Public Health Department.

In addition to the procedures outline in this document, attendees will be expected to follow any State or Local requirements for group activities and travel, including but not limited to face coverings and social distancing.

The virus that causes COVID-19 can infect people of all ages. While the risk of serious illness or loss of life is greatest in those 65 years of age or older with pre-existing health conditions, persons in every age group can become infected with COVID-19 and some may become seriously ill or even die.

**We should all be thankful that, with rare exceptions, COVID-19 is not claiming the lives of youth. However, we can never forget that a youth with a mild or even asymptomatic case of COVID-19 can spread that infection to others who may be far more vulnerable.**

COVID-19 is spread from person to person through contact that is close enough to share droplets generated by coughing, sneezing, speaking, and even just breathing. COVID-19 can also be spread by touching objects where contaminated droplets have landed. Because of the ease of transmission, an infant, child or young person who is infected with COVID-19 can spread the infection to others they come in close contact with, such as members of their household, teachers, or other caregivers. It has been determined that infected persons with mild or even no symptoms can spread COVID-19.

**It is highly recommended that any potential attendee that falls into a high-risk category or has a pre-existing condition that raises their vulnerability consult their doctor before registering for an in-person summer camp program.**

## 1: Pre-attendance Communication

Prior to attendance, Scouting families, and Staff (attendees) will be sent resources to assist in ensuring their personal wellbeing prior to attending camp (Appendix I). Attendees are expected to monitor their personal well being for a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to attending camp. Symptoms and conditions to monitor include:

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| -Fever (100.4 F or greater) | -Vomiting            | -Diarrhea            |
| -Cough                      | -Shortness of Breath | -Unexplained Fatigue |
| -Loss of taste or smell     | -Sore throat         | -Open Sores          |

If an attendee has exhibited any of these symptoms or other health concerns, they should voluntarily refrain from attending Summer Programs. A personal pre-departure/pre-event medical screening checklist is available to aid in self-monitoring, and **MUST** be brought to check-in (Appendix II)

Additionally if, within the past two weeks, the individual has traveled nationally or internationally or been in close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with, tested for, or quarantined as a result of COVID-19, attendance is discouraged.

A Scout is Trustworthy, and the vigilance of all attendees at GSC Summer Programs is vital to keeping our Scouting Family healthy. Those attendees who voluntarily refrain from attending summer programs will be issued a full refund.

Attendees will also be provided an Informed Consent form that must be read, acknowledged, and brought to check in. (Appendix III)

## **2: Entry Screening**

To promote social distancing during check-in procedures, check-in times for various programs may be staggered. To ensure this process moves smoothly attendees are urged to strictly adhere to the check-in schedule they are issued. If multiple day programs are offered, this screening process will be followed every day.

Prior to admittance to the activity site, all individuals traveling in a single vehicle will have temperature checks by a designated staff member using a no contact thermometer. If any passenger in the vehicle exhibits a temperature exceeding 100.4F entry to the program will be denied and the registered attendees will be issued a complete refund. After completing the initial screening, vehicles will be directed to the check-in site.

At the program check-in in site, attendees are asked to follow social distancing while waiting for the check-in staff. Those providing transportation are required to remain on site until the screening is complete in the case that the screening determines that an attendee cannot participate due to health concerns.

If needed attendees will be asked to remain in their vehicle until approached by the staff. Each attendee and any individual wishing to enter camp will be screened by a designated staff member. During the screening, the attendee(s) will need to turn in their completed BSA Annual Health and Medical Record(AHMR), available at <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>. To aid in a smooth check in process attendees are asked to have the form completed and signed prior to arrival.

The designated staff member will review the AMHR to ensure completeness. Each attendee will be screened using the ALC COVID 19 Screening Form (Appendix IV). This process will include reviewing the symptoms and conditions outlined in *Part 1: Pre-attendance Communications* as well as a review of the procedures outlined in *Part 3: On Site Procedures*. Acknowledgement and agreement to follow these procedures is required to participate in Summer Programs.

If an attendee is unable to pass the screening process, they will not be permitted to attend a summer program. All participants who are in the same vehicle (or any other means of transportation) will remain isolated and risk being sent home. The decision of the Medical personnel is final. Those determined unable to attend will be issued full refunds. **It is advisable that transportation occur within a single-family unit to limit the potential impact on other Scouts.**

After an attendee has successfully completed the check-in screening, they will be directed to their designated program area.

### **3: On Site Procedures**

Various methods of mitigation will be in place during in-person programs, including but not limited to:

#### **Personal Sanitation**

All attendees will be expected to practice proper hand hygiene.

- Frequent wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds before and after activities
- Provision of hand sanitizer when soap and water may not be readily available

#### **Social Distancing and Face Coverings**

Social distancing practices should be followed as much as possible during activities. To facilitate this each program will be held in a pre-designated area, limiting the cross over between groups. Prior to the program, areas will be modified to provide adequate seating areas, table space, and working areas.

If social distancing is not possible due to the nature of the activities, face coverings must be worn. Each attendee is expected to provide their own face covering. GSC will attempt to have face coverings available if an attendee's becomes lost, damaged, soiled, or otherwise unusable. Due to the prioritizing of PPE for medical use, GSC's supply may be extremely limited, and efforts to minimize waste are appreciated. Reusable face coverings should be cleaned regularly.

#### **Shared Items**

Use of shared items will be avoided as much as possible. Attendees should provide their own reusable water bottles and lists of other needed personal items will be distributed as necessary.

When shared items are used (e.g. Rifles, Shotguns, BB guns, bows and arrows, sports equipment, supplies, etc) they will be properly cleaned and disinfected between use with approved products.

#### **Communal Space and Frequently Touched Surfaces**

Communal Spaces (eg. Bathrooms) will be designated for individual program groups to minimize interactions. These spaces will be regularly cleaned and sanitized using two-stage cleaning and disinfecting methods at least twice per program day.

Frequently touched surfaces (eg. Tables, chairs) will be cleaned at the start and end of each day and sanitized regularly.

#### **Occurrence of Symptoms during programs**

If an attendee begins to show symptoms during the program, they will be required to wear a face covering, will be isolated from others, and arrangements to leave the property will be made. Youth protection policies will be followed if the attendee is a youth. Others that have been in contact with the

attendee will be contacted. If the program consists of multiple days, the viability of continuing the program will be assessed by program leadership.

All areas that the attendee came in contact with will be closed for cleaning and sanitizing according to CDC. If deemed necessary those areas will be closed for an extended period of time.

#### Check Out

At the conclusion of the program, attendees are to be picked up by an authorized individual from the predetermined location. Like check-in, pick up times may be staggered for various programs. To maintain these standards and Youth Protection Standards it is critical that attendees be picked up promptly at the designated time.

#### **4: Post Event**

As the COVID-19 virus can be transmitted asymptotically, it is advised that attendees continue to monitor their health for fourteen (14) days following the conclusion of the program. If in that period symptoms develop or a positive diagnosis is received, the attendee should contact program leadership so others can be notified that they may have been in contact. Other actions as deemed necessary by the CDC should be followed.

## **Appendix I – Pre-camp Wellness Resources**

### **CDC Guidance**

If you are sick

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/index.html>

Handwashing

<https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html>

Face Covering

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

### **National Council BSA COVID-19 Resources**

<https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/>

**Appendix II - Personal Pre-Event/Pre-Departure Medical Screening Checklist**

**Pre-Event/Pre-Departure Medical Screening Checklist**

**Leaders/Parent/Guardian**

This checklist must be completed for each Scout **AND** Adult in your unit who is attending any camp, activity, or training conducted in the Golden Spread Council or Districts within the council **BEFORE** they depart home for the camp/activity, or training. Upon arrival at the event, this must checklist **must** be turned in to Medical personnel, the Camp Director, or Event Chairperson for each participant. Any scout or adult without this checklist completed and signed, will **NOT** be allowed to remain at the camp or event and all participants who are in the same vehicle (or any other means of transportation) will remain isolated and risk being sent home. The decision of the Medical personnel is final.

**Question #1:**

Has the participant had any of the following symptoms in the last 24 hours?

Fever (100.4 F or greater)  Vomiting  Diarrhea -  None of these

If the participant has fever, vomiting, OR diarrhea—he or she should stay home.

**Question #2:**

Has the participant had any of the following symptoms in the last 24 hours?

Unexplained extreme fatigue or muscle aches  Rash  Cough  Sore throat  Open sore  None of these

If the participant has any two (or more) of these symptoms—he or she should stay home. If the participant has one of these symptoms, discuss any limitations and restrictions and consider having him or her stay home.

**Question #3:**

Has this participant been diagnosed with Covid-19 (Yes or No) (circle one) and if so when \_\_\_\_\_ and has this participant been cleared by a Health official Yes or No (circle one) , and what date was clearance given \_\_\_\_\_.

If not cleared or date not provided, the participant will not be allowed on the camp or any activity/training.

**Question #4**

Has this participant been exposed to anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 and who is currently quarantined?

Yes  No  If yes, is the person quarantined  Yes  No. If yes, the participant will not be allowed on camp or any activity/training.

- Name of Participant:  
First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_
- Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone  
Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Emergency Contact Name and Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Sex: Male Female (Circle one)
- Unit Type: Pack Troop Crew Ship Post (Circle One) Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Name of the Event Attending \_\_\_\_\_
- Dates of Event: \_\_\_\_\_
- Location of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian if participant is under 18 years of  
age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Adult Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE TURN-IN BOTH PAGES OF APPENDIX II**  
**UPON ARRIVAL AT THE CAMP/EVENT**

### **Appendix III - Attendee Informed Consent Form**

Your safety and the safety of all our Scouts, Families, Volunteers, and staff is the Golden Spread Councils top priority. While there is still much uncertainty regarding COVID 19, we are monitoring the information provided by health experts and government agencies to help keep safe those who choose to participate in programs this summer.

We are coordinating with the Amarillo Department of Public Health and the State of Texas Department of Public Health to ensure we are informed of and comply with their guidance to mitigate the risks COVID-19 being contracted at camp.

Our mitigation plan includes:

- Pre-attendance education,
- Pre-Event/Pre-Departure Medical Checklist
- Health screening upon your arrival conducted by our designated staff, which will also include a temperature check.
  - Note: should anyone in a vehicle not pass the arrival screening, the entire vehicle will not be able to attend.
- Limitations on visitors in camp.
  - Any visitors will be screened upon arrival before entry to camp.
- Hygiene reminders while at camp.
- Extra handwashing /sanitizer throughout camp.
- Dedicated staff to clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces and shared program equipment.
- Check-ins with each attendee after the program concludes to determine if any participants have developed symptoms.

These precautions are important, but these efforts cannot eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness while attending programs. Experts have said that people with COVID-19 may show no signs or symptoms of illness, but can still spread the virus, and people may be contagious before their symptoms occur. The fact is that someone with COVID-19 may pass the required health screenings and be allowed to attend.

We also know the very nature of outdoor programs makes social distancing difficult in many situations and impossible in others.

Information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. *If you are in this group, please ensure you have approval from your health care provider prior to attending.*

Every staff member, volunteer, and Scouting family must evaluate their unique circumstances and make an informed decision before attending. We hope this information will be helpful as you make that choice.

Attendee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Session: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Type and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below,

I/We are acknowledging that I/We have read, and where applicable have shared the details of the **Attendee Informed Consent Form** with the youth attendee named above.

I/We have reviewed the Policies and Procedures that will be in place to minimize risks to everyone involved in the program.

I/We understand that there are risks associated with holding an outdoor program, not limited to but including those associated with COVID-19.

I/We understand that as guidelines and recommendations change, that GSC may make changes to the Policies and Procedures in place, and that it is My/Our responsibility to be informed prior to attending camp.

I/We agree that we will follow the policies of the Golden Spread Council, and that failure to do so may result in being sent home from programs.

I/We understand that if the required documentation cannot be provided at program check-in, I/We will not be allowed to participate in the program.

I/We acknowledge that if I/We fall into a high risk category for COVID-19, or have pre-existing conditions that increase risk a medical professional should be consulted before attendance at a camp program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attendees Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parents Signature (as needed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**PLEASE TURN-IN APPENDIX III**  
**UPON ARRIVAL AT THE CAMP/EVENT**