



## Alamo Area Council Resident Camp

### 2021 COVID – 19 Operating Plan

This plan has been assembled with input from doctors and other medical professionals, health and safety professionals, community leaders, and many others. The health and well-being of our scouts, leaders, and camp staff is the highest priority of Alamo Area Council leadership; therefore, this plan is subject to change as our understanding of this pandemic grows.

#### Pre-opening Updates

- Scouts BSA summer camp and Akela Adventure resident camp will have numbers of participants purposely reduced in order to ensure that all youth, adults, and staff have a safe and fun camping experience. This will reduce crowding in campsites as well as at restrooms, the dining hall, and other common areas.
- All attendees will provide proof of one of the following three options at check in:
  - A negative COVID test taken within 1-3 days prior to arrival at camp
  - A positive COVID test taken within 3 months prior to arrival at camp
  - Proof of completed vaccination with 2 weeks of time passed since the final injection.
- Medical screenings will be done at the entrance of camp immediately upon arrival. If any scout or leader arrives at the medical screening exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, it will be assumed that the entire unit is likely exposed and will result in the entire unit being sent home.
- A COVID-19 “At-Risk” Camp Participant Statement will be collected for every camper, youth and adult. Pre – Event Medical Screening Checklist will be provided to each participant prior to camp and used to prepare attendees for their time at camp. (**See Appendix for both documents.**)

#### Packing list additions –

- Masks per attendee must allow for clean masks daily and in the case of getting a mask wet. Recommend that you bring 6 or more masks per participant.
- Masks must have 2 layers of cloth and not have a valve (single layer gaiters are not sufficient).





- Camp chair or towel to use in classes to allow for social distancing during class. Picnic tables will not be used. Due to fire ants or mud, scouts are discouraged from planning to sit on the ground.

### **Dining Hall Procedures**

- Half of the tables and benches will be removed to allow for distancing between troops. Meals will be served in two shifts.
- Instead of assembling for flags, troops will gather at designated spots around the dining hall. They will then be called, one troop at a time to the serving line. This will ensure spacing between troops.
- Salad and fruit bars will be removed. Salads and fruits will be distributed by the staff.
- All personnel serving food will wear masks, gloves, and hair nets (hats).

### **Procedures for Camp Wide Gatherings**

- Flag ceremonies will be held in the program valley. Scouts will gather in formation with their troop. Distancing will be enforced between troops.
- Opening and closing campfires, OA Callout will utilize the stage from council-wide campout. Distancing between troops will be encouraged.

### **Procedures for Merit Badge Classes and Other Programs**

- Picnic tables will be removed from the merit badge class location. **Scouts must bring a light camp chair or pad/towel to sit on while maintaining social distancing.**
- Scouts in merit badges at the pool will be strongly encouraged to wear their swim wear to and from class, greatly reducing the changing room loads.

### **Trading Post**

- Scouts and staff will be required to wear masks in the trading post.

### **General Health Procedures**

- Hand sanitizer dispensers will be in every program area. Scouts will be encouraged to use it before and after every class.
- Participants presenting with symptoms of COVID-19 will be temporarily quarantined and sent home immediately.
- Anyone entering the health lodge for medical treatment, regardless of the situation, shall have screening/temperature check prior to leaving the medical lodge.





- All parents must fill out a **“Commitment to Transport”** that requires their written acceptance that they will provide transport for their youth should that youth be identified as someone who needs to be sent home. (See Appendix)
- Any visitors to camp must sign in at the Check In Cottage and show 1 of three options:
  - A negative COVID test taken within 1-3 days of arrival at camp
  - A positive COVID test taken within 3 months of arrival at camp
  - Proof of completed vaccination with 2 weeks of time passed since the final injection.
- Changing leaders during the week is discouraged, but if a unit must change adults during the week, each new adult will need to check in at the office and complete pre-screening procedures and show the same documentation as required for adult participants.
- There will be no Family Night/Activities held this summer.
- Once an individual (youth or adult) has checked in to camp they should not plan to leave the property. Readmittance to camp will be on a very limited basis and units should plan accordingly.
- A Scout or leader is encouraged to bring their own supply of hand sanitizer, face mask, and /or gloves as they deem necessary.

### **Staff Procedures**

- All staff members will provide proof of one of the following three options:
  - A negative COVID test taken within 1-3 days of arrival at camp
  - A positive COVID test taken within 3 months of arrival at camp
  - Proof of completed vaccination with 2 weeks of time passed since the final injection.
- Staff will be screened upon arrival for symptoms of COVID-19.
- Staff will continue to receive one evening off per week; however, they will not be allowed to leave camp. Accordingly, staff should come with enough supplies to last the week. Be prepared to do laundry if needed.
- On weekends, staff may leave camp; however, they must avoid high risk areas. No movie theatres (if they open), no venues that may have large crowds.
- All staff will attend a general session in which identifying the signs of COVID-19 and preventing the spread of COVID-19 are discussed. Finally, all staff will attend a general session that outlines all 2021 policies towards COVID-19 prevention (i.e. cleaning, social distancing, etc.) is discussed to ensure staff follow policies.





**COVID-19 “At-Risk” Camp Participant Statement**  
**MUST BE COMPLETED AND BROUGHT TO EVENT/CAMP**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Type & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Your safety and the safety of all our members, volunteers, and employees is the Alamo Area Council’s 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 come to camp this summer.

Our council leaders continue to coordinate with state and local health departments to ensure we are informed of and comply with their guidance to mitigate the risks of COVID-19 being contracted at camp.

Our mitigation plan includes:

- Pre-attendance education,
- Health screening conducted by you or your unit prior to travel to our camp.
- Health screening upon your arrival conducted by our camp staff or camp health officers.
- Limitations on visitors in camp.
- Hygiene reminders while at camp.
- Extra handwashing/sanitizer stations throughout camp
- An emergency response plan that includes an isolation and quarantine protocol should a person at camp develop symptoms of COVID-19 or other communicable disease

These precautions are important, but these efforts cannot eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness while at camp. 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 camp.

We also know the very nature of camp 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 camp.*

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent / Guardian / Adult

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date





## Model COVID-19 Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist

Use this checklist to assist in identifying potential COVID-19 cases before event participation.

Review with each youth and adult participant their current health status, both before departure and upon arrival at the event. Anyone entering a camp or event – including visitors, vendors, etc. – must be screened.

Councils should customize with input from their council health supervisor and local health department.

- Yes  No Have you or has anyone in your household been in [close contact\\*](#) in the past 14 days with anyone known or suspected to have COVID-19 or is otherwise sick?
- Yes  No Have you or has anyone in your household been in [close contact\\*](#) with anyone who has been tested for COVID-19 and is waiting for results?
- Yes  No Have you or has anyone in your household been sick in the past 14 days, or have you or they been tested for any illness and are waiting for results?
- Yes  No Has anyone in your household been exposed to an individual known or suspected to have COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- Yes  No Have you or has anyone you have been in [close contact\\*](#) with traveled on a cruise ship or internationally or to an area with a known communicable disease outbreak in the past 14 days?

*\*According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), “close contact” means:*

- You were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period
- You had direct physical contact with an infected person (hugged or kissed them)
- You shared eating or drinking utensils
- An infected person sneezed, coughed, or otherwise got respiratory droplets on you

*If the answer is YES to any one of the five questions above, the participant must stay home.*

*If all answers above are NO, proceed to the symptoms list below.*

### Symptoms of COVID-19

*If anyone in your household has any one of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19, the entire household must stay home.*

- Shortness of breath
- Cough
- Fever of 100.0° or greater
- Flu-like symptoms
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting

### *\*Potential Higher-Risk Individuals\**

- Yes  No Are you in a higher-risk category as defined by the [CDC guidelines](#), including older adults, people with medical conditions, and those with other individual circumstances?

*If the answer is “yes,” we recommend that you stay home.*

*Should you choose to participate, you must have approval from your health care provider.*

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**Parents Commitment to Transport**  
**To Be Submitted Upon Arrival To Camp**

I understand that at any time during my child's stay at Bear Creek Scout Reservation I may be called on to transport my camper from camp for medical reasons. I commit to be available by phone for the entire session my scout is at camp should I need to be contacted by camp or troop leadership. Furthermore, I agree to pick up my scout within 10 hours of being contacted by the camp or troop leaders. I will also provide a second contact should unforeseen circumstances make me unavailable.

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Scout Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Number

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Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Primary contact name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #

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Secondary contact

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #

