



Alamo Area Council Day Camp
2021 COVID – 19 Operating Plan
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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

- Camps may 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.
- Medical screenings will be done at the entrance of camp before getting out of the vehicles **each day**. If any scout or leader arrives at the medical screening exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 and carpooled it will be assumed that the entire carpool is likely exposed and will result in the entire carpool 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.
- Masks must have 2 layers of cloth (do not double up masks) and not have a valve (single layer gaiters are not sufficient).
- Towel to use in classes to allow for social distancing during class. Due to fire ants or mud, scouts are discouraged from planning to sit on the ground.

Dining Hall Procedures

- All meals will be served outside at designated areas assigned to each Cohort/Group.
- All food will be will be distributed by staff.





Procedures for Camp Wide Gatherings

- Flag ceremonies will be held outdoors. Scouts will gather in formation with their assigned cohorts/groups. Distancing will be enforced between cohorts/groups and in cohorts.
- Opening and closing campfires will utilize the amphitheater or other large gathering area at camp that allows for distancing.

Procedures for Classes and Other Programs

- Picnic tables will be spread out or removed from the class locations. **Scouts must bring a pad/towel to sit on while maintaining social distancing.** A lightweight hand towel will work great and fit in the provided string backpack for easy carrying.
- Scouts attending a camp with a water front or pool must come dressed in their swim wear. Greatly reducing the bathroom/changing room loads.
- All classes will be held in an outdoor environment. (sports court with raised doors can be used in inclement weather, or open-air pavilions).

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 designated first aid area for medical treatment, regardless of the situation, shall have screening/temperature check prior to entering and leaving the first aid.
- 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 (including family members on family days) must sign in at the Camp Headquarters and be prescreened for COVID-19 symptoms before being allowed into camp.





- 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.

Staff Procedures

- Staff will be screened upon arrival daily for symptoms of COVID-19.
- 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 an Alamo Area Council Day Camp 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 unit leadership. Furthermore, I agree to pick up my scout within 2 hours of being contacted by the camp or unit leaders. I will also provide a second contact should unforeseen circumstances make me unavailable.

Scout Name

Unit Number

Signed

Date

Primary contact name

Phone #

Secondary contact

Phone #

