



Mayflower Council

REOPENING GUIDELINES

RECOMMENDATIONS DESIGNED TO
MITIGATE RISK AT SCOUTING ACTIVITIES

THE SAFETY OF OUR SCOUTS, VOLUNTEERS,
EMPLOYEES AND COMMUNITIES
IS OUR TOP PRIORITY.

If it is not practical to meet these minimal protocols,
do not restart in-person activities.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®
MAYFLOWER COUNCIL

Program Reopening Guidelines

As of November 3, 2020

In an effort to mitigate the health risk of spreading COVID-19 to our volunteers, staff, and Scouts, the Mayflower Council is providing the following guidelines.

These recommendations are designed to mitigate risk, but all participants need to be aware that any activity puts them at some risk of exposure.

Please remember that some who are exposed to COVID-19 could be asymptomatic. If a person becomes infected, they may become asymptomatic carriers and could infect other people unknowingly.

Consequently, it is critical that good health and safety practices be followed in all situations. Accordingly:

- **Before resuming any meetings or activities, check with your charter organization to ensure they approve.** Some charter organizations are not opening their facilities for meetings or have imposed additional restrictions on group meetings and activities. Rules or guidance from your charter organization must be followed. Please respect their wishes.
- Effective Friday, November 6, 2020, the Mayflower Council will be closing our three camps to overnight camping until further notice. Our camps will remain available for day use and cabins will remain unavailable for the foreseeable future. It is important to note that the revised gathering sizes do not apply when camping at our camp properties. Our camp properties are subject to sector-specific rules that are more stringent.
- Individuals at higher risk of severe illness (older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions) should consult their physician prior to participation in any group activities.
- All participants should review their current health prior to participating in any activity. Individuals with temperatures higher than 100.0 and other symptoms of COVID-19 should not participate.
- All units must keep a detailed roster of participants for all meetings and activities, so they are prepared in the event that contact tracing is required.
- All individuals who believe they may have been exposed to COVID-19 must quarantine for 14-days prior to participation in any Scouting activity.
- Outdoor meetings are highly encouraged.
- All persons should remain at least six feet apart to the greatest extent possible, both inside and outside.
- Group Meetings:
 - **Indoor gatherings are limited to 8 persons per 1,000 square feet** of accessible, public indoor floor space and never more than 25 persons in a single enclosed, indoor public space. **Indoor gatherings at private residences are limited to 10 people.**
 - **Outdoor gatherings are limited to 25% of the maximum permitted occupancy of the public facility or 8 persons per 1,000 square feet and never more than 50 persons** in a

single outdoor space. **Outdoor gatherings at private residences are limited to 25 people.**

- *Gatherings subject to this limitation include:* community, civic, public, leisure, sporting events, concerts, conferences, conventions, fundraisers, fairs, festivals, road races, and other similar events or activities. These restrictions apply to gatherings in all public and private venues and locations in the Commonwealth, including private homes, backyards, parks, athletic fields, and parking lots.
- We encourage you to postpone any large meetings or activities and continue virtual gatherings where possible, utilizing conference calls or online video conferencing.
- Transportation to and from activities should be made within family units. Carpooling should be discouraged.
- Each Scout and adult are required to wear a face covering.
- Handwashing and sanitation of shared supplies must be done between use.
- Sleeping arrangements on camping trips should be limited to one person per tent, unless they are family.
- Families/siblings do not need to maintain social distancing for transportation, sleeping, or meetings.
- Six foot distancing should be maintained when practical during hikes, bike rides, and other follow the leader activities.
- All local, state, and federal safety guidelines should be followed. Please review guidelines for not only your unit's meeting location, but the location of any camping/activity destination.
- Ensure all Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection guidelines are adhered to.
- It is recommended that these guidelines be shared with each member of your unit and posted during all meetings and activities. Units should obtain written permission from parents stating that they have reviewed these guidelines and consent to having their child participate in Scouting activities. Keep these permissions with the unit health forms.

Finally, as Scouts, it is important that we demonstrate the principles of the Scout Law now more than ever before. As restrictions begin to lift, individuals within your scout unit may have varying levels of comfort or anxiety. It is our responsibility to be kind while being helpful and friendly and demonstrate empathy and respect to everyone, even if they have beliefs different than ours. As we move forward let's be cheerful and brave while showing obedience to the rules, regulations and guidance of the Commonwealth, Council, chartered organizations and cities/towns.

