

Troop 9 COVID Related Guidelines: March 21, 2021

General Guidelines

These guidelines are intended to provide reasonable protection for all participants, allow the Troop 9 Scout program to proceed with a full complement of activities, and provide flexibility for the adults to respond to changing conditions without multiple requests to the Bryker Woods PTA, as we know how busy they are. With that in mind, the following items are guidelines and may be modified by agreement of the Troop 9 Scout Master and Committee Chair. At all times current CDC guidance, current BSA Scouts guidance, and local government rules and orders will be followed.

Meeting Guidelines

1. In person meetings only when Austin is Stage 4 or less.
2. Meet outdoors, or if indoors, limit meeting participation to the current Stage guidelines.
3. Do not attend if the current CDC guidelines indicate you should not. Currently CDC guidelines say do not attend if:
 - a. You have a Cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, Chills, Repeated shaking with chills, Muscle pain, Headache, Sore throat, Loss of taste or smell, Diarrhea, Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit.
 - b. Close contact with a person who may have COVID-19 within the past 7 days.
 - c. Traveled on public transportation (ie. commercial airliner, bus, etc.) in the past 10 days.
4. Individual parents will transport their family members to and from events; when Austin is Stage 2 or below shared transportation is allowed.
5. Mask wearing and physical distancing is required whenever possible, in accordance with CDC guidelines.
6. Adults in attendance will monitor mask wearing and physical distancing.
7. The ASM of each patrol will make the determination on an event-by-event basis if participants must have a parent in attendance or if drop-off is allowed.
8. At least one adult will be certified in COVID training provided by BSA Scouts.

Camping Guidelines

1. Camping only when Austin is Stage 4 or less.
2. Each participant (scouts and adults) will have his or her own tent and it will be located at an appropriate distance from all other tents.
3. Hand sanitizer must be present and used at each campsite.
4. Do not attend if the current CDC guidelines indicate you should not. Currently CDC guidelines say do not attend if:
 - a. You have a Cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, Chills, Repeated shaking with chills, Muscle pain, Headache, Sore throat, Loss of taste or smell,

- Diarrhea, Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit.
- b. Close contact with a person who may have COVID-19 within the past 7 days.
 - c. Traveled on public transportation (ie. commercial airliner, bus, etc.) in the past 10 days.
5. Individual parents will transport their family members to and from events; when Austin is Stage 2 or below shared transportation is allowed.
 6. Mask wearing and physical distancing is required whenever possible, in accordance with CDC guidelines.
 7. Adults in attendance will monitor mask wearing and physical distancing.
 8. The ASM of each patrol will make the determination on an event-by-event basis if participants must have a parent in attendance or if drop-off is allowed.
 9. At least one adult will be certified in COVID training provided by BSA Scouts.
 10. Food preparation and service will follow all current BSA Scouts guidelines; currently patrol-based cooking is allowed so long as only one scout serves the food.

High Adventure Guidelines

Due to the unique nature of these events, the fact that they often take place out of Texas, and the fact that only older scouts are permitted to attend them, the following relaxation of guidelines are instituted.

1. High adventure preparation and trips may occur at any Stage, but must follow the Stage guidelines for the geographic area where the event is taking place.
2. Scouts may share tents, no more than two scouts per tent, and must maintain the same tent partner for the entire event.
3. Hand sanitizer must be present and used at each event.
4. Mask wearing and physical distancing is required whenever possible, in accordance with CDC guidelines.
5. Scouts may prepare food and eat communally.
6. Do not attend if the current CDC guidelines indicate you should not. Currently CDC guidelines say do not attend if:
 - a. You have a Cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, Chills, Repeated shaking with chills, Muscle pain, Headache, Sore throat, Loss of taste or smell, Diarrhea, Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit.
 - b. Close contact with a person who may have COVID-19 within the past 7 days.
 - c. Traveled on public transportation (ie. commercial airliner, bus, etc.) in the past 14 days.
7. Crews may travel together.
8. Adults in attendance will monitor mask wearing and physical distancing.
9. At least one adult will be certified in COVID training provided by BSA Scouts.