

Unit meeting and overnight activity guideline acknowledgement form

The following form is an acknowledgment of guidelines under which units must certify to reinstate meetings, activities and overnight events under COVID-19 restrictions. Parent/guardian involvement and support are essential to continued safe operation. Should you have any concerns, Please communicate them to your unit leadership for resolution.

Once certified, units will be allowed to participate in council/district activities and conduct unit level meetings and activities in accordance with the **BSA SAFE Restart Scouting Checklist** (http://www.pikespeakbsa.org/pubs/BSA_SAFE_Restart_Checklist.pdf) and the state guidelines contained on the Colorado COVID-19 Safer at Home phasing site located at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/safer-at-home> as well as the guidance by sector for children's camps and sports, indoor activities and outdoor activities at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/guidance-by-sector>

Once meetings/activities commence, they should follow the specific guidelines published for children camps and sports, indoor activities and outdoor activities. This will mean that meetings will not look like a pre-COVID activity and will require some planning before implementing meeting activities. In general, the current guidance is that meetings must follow the following structure:

- Youth Protection guidelines must be strictly adhered to
- Pre-Meeting screening for COVID exposure and sickness (fever, congestion, etc.).
- Checks should include temperature check (no-touch sensor is the preferred method)
- Hand Sanitizer should be made available for each group.
- Social distancing of 6 feet always, 10 feet for singing or other energetic activities.
- Masks are required
- All scouts must have an informed consent signed by their parent(s)/guardian(s) acknowledging the risk of COVID-19 and adherence to safety guidelines (part of unit certification to meet).
- Leaders should post guidance and signs to maintain required physical distancing, respiratory etiquette, and hygiene.
- Outdoor activities may be held with up to 25 people with working groups (e.g. patrols or den) of 10 Scouts including adults.
- Indoor activities should be limited to groups (patrols/dens) of Scouts (includes adults) with no interaction between groups.
 - If the indoor space is large enough to allow for social distancing (6 feet between each camper and minimum of 36 square feet per camper), more than one stable group could be in an indoor space at the same time as long as there is adequate space between groups and safe egress is not compromised.
 - Patrols/Dens must remain with their group and not mix with other groups during structured time or free time.
 - This calculator is to be used for determining capacity of your venue:
<https://covid19.colorado.gov/safer-at-home/social-distancing-calculator-for-indoor-and-outdoor-events>
- Scouts must remain with their group and not mix with other groups during structured time or free time, including pick up and drop off.
- Limit exposure to the general public. When there is a possibility of exposure, Scouts and adults should strive for physical distancing and wear masks/face coverings.

- If food is planned for the meeting or activity, it should be as follows:
 - No communal buffet style, self-serve food service or shared utensils.
 - Unit members should bring their own food or be provided pre-plated or “grab and go” options.
 - All water is to be brought by each individual
 - No food or water sharing.
 - If staggered and a common area for eating is used, clean and disinfect surfaces of dining area between groups/dens/patrols.
- Ensure cleaning and disinfecting of commonly touched surfaces
- Whenever possible, limit activities that are not conducive to the required 6 feet of physical distancing or could pose a safety hazard when Scouts and adults are physically distancing.
- Non-essential visitors, observers or participants should not be allowed to attend program meetings or activities.

Once certified for overnight activities, units will be allowed to participate in council/district activities and conduct unit level overnight activities. These will also adhere to the guidelines stipulated in the and the state guidelines contained on the Colorado COVID-19 Safer at Home phasing site located at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/safer-at-home> as well as the guidance by sector for children’s camps and sports, indoor activities and outdoor activities at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/guidance-by-sector>. Units must review and incorporate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) requirements for those treating individuals who become ill during day and overnight events (masks, face shields, gloves, etc). Adherence to these guidelines will mean that overnight outings will not be structured or implemented the way outings were conducted before the outbreak, to include limitations on tent occupancy, patrol versus unit level activities, isolation of patrols/assigned patrol adults from each other and the preparation and serving of food. The BSA SAFE Restart Scouting Checklist and Colorado guidelines should be reviewed prior to planning any day or overnight outdoor activities and incorporated into the outing plan. Unit overnights will comply with the Colorado guidelines for resident camps. Day outings will comply with the Colorado guidelines for day camps. The Colorado guidelines for Outdoor Recreation Guidance should also be reviewed for applicable information.

If a situation should arise where Youth protection requirements come into conflict with these rules or guidelines, youth protection requirements take precedence. Should such a situation occur, the appropriate unit leader will immediately notify the Scout Executive and/or the Council Medical Director/Council Youth Protection Chair. The best mitigation for this potential conflict is incorporating this consideration into meeting/event planning.

Acknowledgment: I acknowledge that I have reviewed and understand the information provided in this document.

Date

Signature

Home Phone

Cell Phone