

GULF STREAM COUNCIL

COVID-19 OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

INTRODUCTION

The leadership of the Gulf Stream Council has the health and safety of all Scouts, their families, staff, and general public as its highest priority and concern. This document was created to guide and inform interested parties about the preparations and procedures that the Gulf Stream Council will follow while operating events at our camp properties.

To help mitigate the risks associated with COVID-19 and other diseases, the Gulf Stream Council plans to implement practices and precautions which are included in the following pages. We will be monitoring circumstances and adhering to guidance from the CDC, our departments of health, the office of the Governor, and other experts to determine whether programs need to be postponed or adjusted. The following was prepared from that guidance.

Living Document

Information about COVID-19 is continually evolving. This is intended to be a living document which will be adjusted as necessary to accommodate current information. Because of the speed at which new information is developed, it may be necessary to adapt procedures before adjustments to this document can be made.

Assumptions

- COVID-19 or other illnesses may surface at camp.
- None of the procedures described here can eliminate completely the risk of illness at camp.
- Every staff member, volunteer, family and participant must evaluate their unique circumstances and make an informed decision before attending camp.

Vulnerable Populations

COVID-19 is a new disease and there is limited information regarding risk factors for severe disease. Based on currently available information and clinical expertise, **older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease, diabetes, obesity, or a weakened immune system** might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Persons considered high risk are encouraged to remain home.

Persons having a cough, fever (100.4° or higher) or other symptoms of illness within 14 days of attending camp, or persons in who have been in contact with anyone with such symptoms within 14 days of coming to camp should remain at home.

Groups, Units, and Individuals in Camp

The policies in this document reflect the steps that will be in effect during Council and District Events. If your group is planning an outing at any of the Gulf Stream Council's camp properties, it is your responsibility to maintain the adequate health and safety guidelines as outlined in this document. Before attending camp, be sure that your participants are aware of all the steps your group will take to mitigate the risk of illness at camp. Health Forms and Screening Checklists should be collected by the Group Leader.

Be sure to review the BSA's Restart Scouting Checklist: (also found at the end of this document)

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-693.pdf>

Council and District Events

Events hosted on a Council or District level will maintain the guidelines spelled out in this document. While the event will be responsible for effecting these policies, everyone has a personal responsibility for their own safety. Wear a mask, practice social distancing, and wash your hands frequently.

PRE-OPENING PROCEDURES AND UPDATES

What follows are the COVID-19 preparations undertaken by Gulf Stream Council to provide a safe, clean and healthy outdoor experience on our camp properties. We are monitoring COVID-19 developments at all relevant government levels.

Some of our large events may have participant numbers reduced according to official guidelines to ensure that all staff and participants have a safe and fun camping experience. Other changes may be necessary to our 2020-21 camping program and we will communicate those changes as they occur.

A Pre-Camp Medical Screening Form will be provided to each participant to complete before camp and turn in upon arrival. The checklist is a tool to assist participants and camp medical staff determine whether participants are well enough to attend camp. This form should be made available upon entry into camp.

The processes and safety measures outlined in this document will be enforced and monitored throughout the camping season and will be adapted as needed to meet all state and local requirements. If at any point it is unsafe or inappropriate to keep camp open, we will modify our planning and notify scheduled groups and participants as soon as possible.

Cleaning Procedures

Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation has always followed a cleaning regimen compliant with all applicable health codes and procedures. Below are additional steps that will be taken to enhance camp cleanliness and minimize the potential for disease spread.

- Pool – Clean and sanitize shower areas/changing rooms after each rotation or class.
- Dining Hall – Mop floors and clean and sanitize table surfaces, serving surfaces, doors and restrooms after each meal rotation.
- Program Areas – Clean and sanitize shared program equipment (tools, firearms, etc.) in between rotations.
- Shelters/Picnic Areas in Program areas – Clean and sanitize in between rotations.
- Shelters/Picnic Areas in Campsites – Event Staff will inspect daily to ensure that groups clean shelter/picnic areas in their campsites regularly. Cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment will be provided. Shelters/Picnic Areas in campsites will be thoroughly sanitized in between camp sessions.
- Restrooms – Event staff will perform inspections to ensure that restrooms located in group sites are cleaned daily. Cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment will be provided. Restrooms/latrines in campsites will be sanitized in between camp sessions.
- Cabins & Dorms - Cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment will be provided for each of our permanent living quarters. All cabins, dorms, and restrooms will be sanitized between camping sessions.
- Shower Facilities - Groups assigned to a shower facility will be responsible to clean on a regular basis with staff supervision to ensure facility is cleaned properly. Cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment will be provided. Shower facilities will be sanitized in between camp sessions.
- Kitchen - Kitchen staff will thoroughly clean all kitchen surfaces throughout the day.
- Other High-Contact Areas – Event Staff will sanitize tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, sinks and other high-contact areas throughout the event.

Tanah Keeta Dining Procedures

Dining is an important part of any camp. Dining hall procedures will be modified for lower capacities and social distancing compliance based on official guidance current at the time of the event. This may result in staggered serving times and/or availability of outdoor seating. Meals may also be served in campsites.

All staff serving food will meet Florida SafeServ food handler requirements.

Additional Supplies

In addition to supplies normally maintained at camp will have the following items on hand.

- Non-contact thermometers to facilitate on-site medical screening.
- Personal protective equipment to ensure that staff will be able to safely perform specific job-related functions at camp to help prevent the spread of germs.
- Personal protective equipment for campers doing select program-specific tasks where PPE is needed (example: gloves for First Aid merit badge). PPE will also be available for campers when social distancing cannot be maintained (example: taking shelter indoors during thunderstorms).
- Additional Handwashing/Sanitization Stations - Currently, each campsite and some program areas have handwashing stations. Areas without handwashing stations will have a hand sanitizer available to ensure that all participants can sanitize their hands prior to and post-rotation at program areas.

CAMP OPERATION MODIFICATIONS

The following modifications are made to all camp operations. These changes are dynamic and will be implemented in compliance with state and local agencies guidelines.

- Social Distancing – Participants will be instructed to maintain at least 6 feet of separation as much as possible (or whatever the official guidance is at the start of camp session). Class and activity size will be limited to utilize available space efficiently to allow for social distancing.
- Face Covering/Face Masks – Face Coverings will be required while indoors. Face Coverings will also be required in outdoor situations where social distancing is either not possible or is not being maintained. Participants should provide their own face covering.

Face Covering - A face covering includes any covering which snugly covers the nose and mouth and is secured in place. Persons who wear masks should review the CDC and Florida Department of Health guidelines regarding properly and safely applying, removing and cleaning masks.

For Exemptions – refer to the Martin County Emergency Declaration No. 1140

- Tenting – Participants should not occupy the same tent, however, family members *may* occupy the same tent.
- Camp Chairs – Participants are encouraged to bring their own camp chairs as social distancing will limit available seating in some program areas.

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CAMP OPERATION MODIFICATIONS (continued)

- Check-in Screening – All participants are required to provide a copy of their BSA Annual Health and Medical Record Parts A and B to their Unit Leader or their designee.
(https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf)
- Additionally, all staff and participants will be screened upon arrival by submitting a Pre-Camp Medical Screening Form (<https://www.gulfstreamcouncil.org/files/33716/Pre-Event-Medical-Screening-Form>) and their temperature will be taken. Completed questionnaires should be readily available in the car upon your arrival. Anyone meeting any of the criteria below will be refused entry and sent home.
 - Anyone presenting symptoms of illness.
 - Anyone with a temperature of 100.4° or higher.
 - Anyone who has been ill within 14 days prior to arrival at camp.
 - Anyone who has been in contact with someone who has been ill within 14 days prior to arrival at camp.
- Sick or Injured Camper - Anyone entering the health lodge for medical treatment, regardless of the situation, shall be screened for symptoms of illness and have temperature checked prior to leaving the medical lodge. Participants presenting with symptoms of illness during camp will be temporarily quarantined and sent home immediately.
- Hand-washing - As a Scout is Clean, we will direct participants to thoroughly wash their hands often. Hand washing and sanitizing stations will be available.
- Personal protection equipment (PPE) - Participants are encouraged to bring their own supply of hand sanitizer, extra face masks, gloves or other PPE as they deem necessary. Each participant should provide their own face covering/face mask.
- Camp Equipment - We will properly sanitize all community and reusable program equipment after each use. This includes teaching and visual aids (posters, sample items), tools, terrariums, aquariums, tables, benches and more.
- Shooting Sports -
 - Rifle Range – Each Scout on the firing line will be given a disinfectant wipe to wipe down each rifle, ammo block, safety glasses, hearing protection, and shooting stand.
 - Shotgun Range – Each Scout that participates will be given a disinfectant wipe to wipe down each shotgun, ammo block, safety glasses, hearing protection, and shooting stand after use.
 - Archery range – Each Scout on the firing line will be given a disinfectant wipe to wipe down each bow, arrow, safety glasses, and target stand
- Waterfront - After each use, every boat (canoe, rowboat, stand-up paddleboard, sailboat, motorboat) should be drained of any water and then set face up to dry in the sun. As it is drying each boat should be sprayed with disinfectant and left untouched per the label instructions. Oars and paddles should be also stored blade down and all shafts and handles should be wiped with disinfectant wipes. Participants are encouraged (not required) to bring their own US Coast Guard type III approved lifejacket to participate in aquatic activities.
- Adjusting of Weeks of Operations – In the event that Camp Management deems it unsafe to continue to have programs in camp, events or reservations may be postponed or cancelled. If this happens, those units/families affected will be given the opportunity to move to a different event/session, or receive a 100% refund.
- Modification of Program Areas - Where possible, program area offerings have been made smaller, and seating will be organized to meet guidelines for social distancing.

- Group Size Limitations – Per the *Florida Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step*. Reopening Guide, group size is limited to 50 people. Large Events will be modified to prohibit large group gatherings, and scheduling will be organized in such a way to prevent any group larger than 50 people to congregate in any area.
- Sanitization in Between Each Session of Camp – Camp Facilities will be thoroughly sanitized in between camp sessions.
- Review and Updating of Procedures - After each session of camp there will be a review by on-site staff on all newly added 2020 procedures with updates made to those procedures based on feedback from staff and implemented by camp management.

Suggested Camper Supplies
Additions for COVID-19

- Personal hand sanitizer
- Hand cleaning wipes
- Personal reusable face mask (one-per day)
- Disposable gloves (if desired)
- Personal tent
- Camp chair

Suggested Unit Camp Equipment
Additions for COVID-19

- Spray bottles for bleach solution
- Bleach
- Rags and/or disinfectant wipes to sanitize frequently touched surfaces
- 1-gallon hand sanitizer for campsite
- Hand cleaning wipes
- Mop
- Broom
- Paper towels
- Antibacterial hand soap
- Non-aerosol disinfectant spray
- Extra camp chairs

Pre-Camp Medical Screening
Gulf Stream Council, Boy Scouts of America



Full Name: _____
 Date of Birth: _____
 Unit Number: _____

In an abundance of caution to prevent the spread of communicable diseases, the Gulf Stream Council is requiring every youth and adult attending camp to complete this Pre-Camp Medical Screening in addition to the BSA Medical Form. Only this form will be collected on the road into camp; please have it handy, not in your pack.

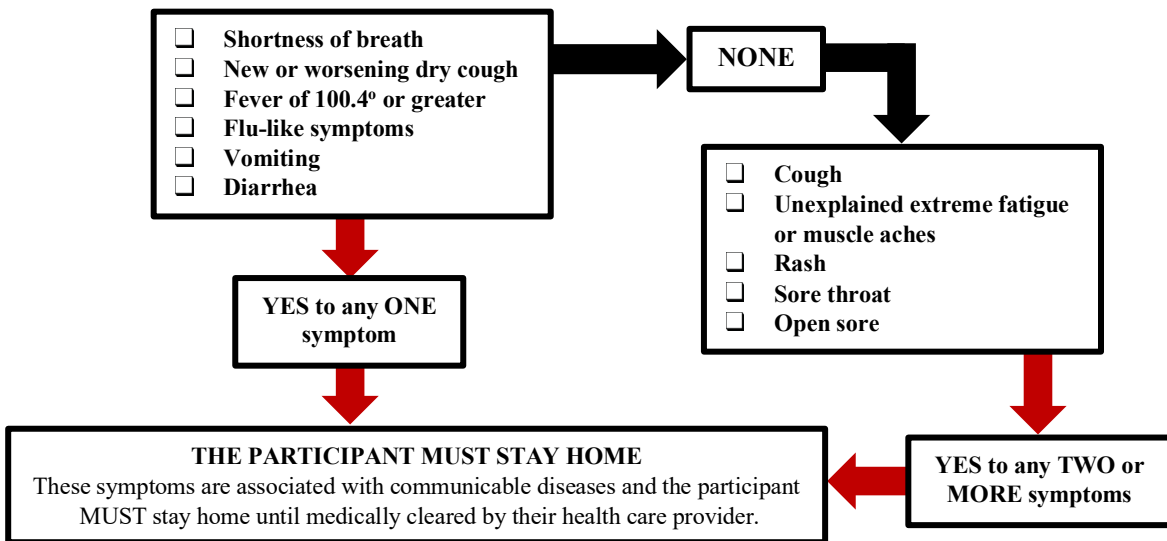
A staff member with protective equipment will collect all Pre-Camp Medical Screening forms on the road into camp and will take the temperature of everyone in the vehicle. Any vehicle with a symptomatic occupant will be asked to turn around and leave camp.

- Yes No Have you been in contact with anyone who has COVID-19 or is otherwise sick?
 Yes No Have you or anyone you have been in close contact with traveled on a cruise ship, internationally, or to an area with a known communicable disease outbreak in the last 14 days?

If the answer is “yes” to either of these questions, the participant must stay home.

- Yes No Are you in a higher-risk category as defined by the CDC guidelines?
If the answer is “yes” to this question, we recommend that you stay home. Should you choose to participate, you must have approval from your healthcare provider and then proceed to the symptom decision tree below.

If the above answers are “no”, proceed to this symptom decision tree.



Participant’s Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent’s Signature: _____

Date: _____

If the participant is under 18 years of age.

Driver’s Signature: _____

Date: _____

If the person driving is someone other than the participant or parent.