

Taste of Venturing -- March 26-28, 2021
COVID-19 Precautions Plan

The Taste of Venturing will run with general COVID-19 precautions in place. In general, these are expansions of the council's guidance for Scouting units. Units should follow these guidelines within their unit for the weekend, in addition to these event precautions.

Each unit should be familiar with the precautions outlined in this document, including tenting, cooking, and transportation guidance and requirements.

<https://stlbsa.org/covid-operational-guidance/>

And the requirements listed in the Scouts BSA Guide, especially those listed on page 2 and 4.

Additional Unit Guidance for Taste of Venturing:

- One of the primary precautions for the weekend is to minimize mixing between units and groups as much as possible. To this end, please work within your unit to ensure distancing, from other units, as much as possible. Ideally, entire units will stay together when going between activities as much as possible.
- Units should be cognizant of the level of risk that is tolerable by both your unit charter organization, as well as the parents of the youth. Some activities and events over the weekend may be allowable under local government precautions and Scouting precautions, but perhaps not desirable by the parents or charter org.
- Units should also be aware that other units may have a more cautious approach to COVID and be courteous and respectful of other units.

Event Precautions:

- All participants and staff must wear a cloth or disposable face mask covering their mouth and nose, at all times, with a few exceptions:
 - While eating or drinking and separated by *at least* 6 feet from others at the event and stationary.
 - When alone, such as in the bathroom, a tent, or out of view of others.
- Distancing between participants is encouraged, and should be practiced as much as feasibly possible, especially between units. There are times in the event program when this is not possible such as shotgun shooting, or other events that require close instruction.
- All participants at the weekend will have a temperature and symptom check conducted at check in, and on Saturday morning (if arrived Friday). These will be conducted by event staff. The questionnaire should also be used by participants prior to attending to ensure they will be able to participate.
- All shared program materials will be sanitized between participants. In the case that items cannot be sanitized between participants, care will be taken to have participants sanitize or wash hands prior to using the program item and following.
- Bathroom facilities will be sanitized twice a day.
- Swaim Lodge (main dining hall) and Winter Lodge are available as indoor spaces for the weekend.
 - The capacity of each building is limited to 50 participants due to Illinois group size limits.
 - Windows will be open as much as possible, depending on weather, for ventilation.
 - No events for the weekend will be planned in the indoors, but these spaces will be available for units to gather in for warmth or to play evening games, or even to eat meals in (while distanced).
 - Please confirm with your charter org and parents if they are comfortable with indoor gatherings or eating.
 - No one will be allowed to sleep in either Swaim or Winter Lodge.