

Bay-Lakes Council COVID-19 “At-Risk” Participant Statement

Your safety and the safety of all our members, volunteers, and employees is the top priority. We continue to monitor the information provided by health experts and government agencies to help keep safe those who choose to participate in events.

Our council leadership is coordinating with state and local health departments to ensure we are informed of and comply with their guidance to mitigate the risks of COVID-19 being contracted at events.

Our mitigation plan includes:

- Pre-attendance education.
- Health screening conducted by your unit prior to travel and upon arrival.
- Encouraging extra hand-washing.
- Cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces and shared program equipment.
- Wearing face coverings if maintaining six feet of distance between people is not possible.

These precautions are important, but these efforts cannot eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness while participating in a Scouting activity. Experts have said that people with COVID-19 may show no signs or symptoms of illness, but can still spread the virus, and people may be contagious before their symptoms occur. The fact is that someone with COVID-19 may pass the required health screenings and be allowed to participate.

We also know the very nature of some activities makes social distancing difficult in many situations.

Information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. *If you are in this group, please ensure you have approval from your health care provider prior to participating.*

Every staff member, volunteer, and Scouting family has to evaluate their unique circumstances and make an informed decision before attending events. We hope this information will be helpful as you make that choice.

We ask all participants to cooperate with all changes to council facilities. Those individuals who do not follow risk mitigation procedures will be asked to leave. The health and safety of our participants is our top priority.

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PRE-EVENT MEDICAL CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to review with each participant (youth and adult) their health status before participating in a Scouting event. Unit leaders should collect this form from all participants at the event or prior to departing.

All participants are required to submit this form upon arrival along with their health form.

Participant Name: _____	Unit Number: _____
Address: _____	
Phone: _____	Email: _____
Council: _____	Name of Driver: _____

Section 1: Vaccination

Yes No
____ ____ Are you fully vaccinated?

Section 2: Recent Interactions

Yes No
____ ____ Have you or has anyone in your household been in **close contact*** in the past 14 days with anyone known or suspected to have COVID-19 or is otherwise sick?
____ ____ Have you or has anyone in your household been in **close contact*** with anyone who has been tested for COVID-19 and is waiting for results?
____ ____ Have you or has anyone in your household been sick in the past 14 days, or have you or they been tested for any illness and are waiting for results?

If the answer is yes to any of these questions, the participant must stay home.

*According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "**Close Contact**" means:

- You were within 6 ft of someone with COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 min (or more) over a 24-hour period.
- You had direct physical contact with an infected person (hugged or kissed them)
- You shared eating or drinking utensils
- An infected person sneezed, coughed, or otherwise got respiratory droplets on you.

Section 3: Health Screening

If anyone in your household has any one of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19, the entire household must stay home.

- Shortness of breath
- Cough
- Fever of 100 or greater
- Flu-like symptoms
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting

If the answer is yes to any of the symptoms above, the entire household must stay home.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing above, I am acknowledging I have read the risk statement on page 1.