



## Unit Meeting & Weekend Camping Guidance

June 11, 2020

### 1. General Information

- We want to ensure that we continue to teach our Scouts good citizenship as we implement plans to begin weekly unit meetings, unit weekend camping and day events.
- The information referenced used to create this guidance is from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), local & State health departments and the American Camping Association (ACA).

### 2. Scout Safety/Social Distancing Standards

- In-Person meetings/gatherings are limited to 50 or less people each (den/patrol meetings ideal for this).
- Unit's may consider in-person meetings activities if permitted by the Unit Committee in consultation with the Unit Chartered Organization. (strongly suggested)
- No sharing of products, refreshments or food.
- Use face coverings when you are unable to maintain social distancing, inside or in a public setting.
- All participants should remain six feet apart.
- Meeting space common surfaces are to be cleaned with disinfectant before and after each use.
- Scouts should be taught (or remind them of) coughing etiquette:
  - Cover your mouth and nose with tissue when you cough or sneeze
  - If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper shirt sleeve or elbow, not your hands
  - They may be asked to put on a face covering to protect others.
  - Wash hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. If soap and warm water is not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- When to wash or disinfect your hands
  - Before eating food.
  - After contact with someone who may have been sick.
  - After touching frequently touched surfaces (railing, doorknobs, counter, tables, etc.)
  - After using latrine/restroom.
  - After using common items, such as sports equipment, computer keyboards and mice, craft supplies, etc.
  - After coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose.
- Any Scouts/Scouters not feeling well or displaying symptoms should stay home.
- Use the pre-event medical checklist (attached in this document) before conducting an outing.

### 3. Phase II (current phase) Unit Camping or Day Events with 50 or less participants

#### a. General Information

- Pre-event screening checklist (attached in this document), must be completed by all participants prior to departure to ensure they are not ill and do not show signs/symptoms of COVID. Adult trip/event leader collects the checklist ahead of time.
- If any participant is ill, they should not attend the trip.
- Respect the decision of participants and parents that are not comfortable attending trip.
- Recommended that each person have these personal safety items:
  - Bottle of hand sanitizer.
  - Face covering.
  - When possible, container of sanitizing wipes.
- Must have plenty of disinfecting cleaner and other cleaning supplies for general purpose needs (cooking, cleaning common use items – picnic tables, patrol box items, etc.).
- Must maintain BSA youth protection standards of at least 2 registered adult leaders.
- Units can camp multiple patrols/dens as long as the entire unit consist of 50 or less participants , but these groups of 50 or less cannot co-mingle and must have separate accommodations (can be in the same vicinity). They cannot use the same cooking supplies or eat meals together. Integrity of groups of 50 or less must be maintained (Scout patrol or Cub Scout den integrity is ideal).
- Separate Scout units should NOT camp together.



- b. Transportation
  - i. Recommend travel to and from event by family transportation.
  - ii. If the camping location is too far for family transportation, then the location should be changed to a closer location.
  - iii. If a Scout travels with a family other than their own, it is up to the Scout's parent to make that decision at their discretion.
- c. Tenting
  - i. Tenting arrangement is part of your group of 50 or less participants.
  - ii. Camp in your own tent (one person per tent). Tents no closer than 6 feet (more is better).
  - iii. Siblings or Parent/child from the same household may tent together. They should also travel together in the transportation plan.
- d. Cooking
  - i. Cooking should only take place within the 50-participant group.
  - ii. No sharing of food.
  - iii. Follow the five-step cleaning process: (pre-wash, wash, rinse, sanitize, air dry)
  - iv. Recommend participants bring their own food so no group cooking needs to take place.
  - v. Use of disposable products is encouraged... plates, cups and eating utensils.
  - vi. No potluck type meals where everyone contributes a portion of the meal.
  - vii. Must wear a face covering and gloves while preparing and serving meals.
  - viii. Hand wash frequently and have plenty of cleaning supplies.
- e. Campfires
  - i. Face coverings should be worn.
  - ii. Keep social distancing.
- f. Camping Locations
  - i. North Florida Council Camping properties (reserve online starting June 22nd or by calling Carrie Kurtz from the program experience dept at 904-388-0591)
    - 1. Camp Shands will open on August 6th for weekends.
    - 2. St. Johns River Base – **available as of June 26th for weekends.**
    - 3. Does **NOT** include Camp Francis- anticipate a prolonged closure
  - ii. Private property (as always, upon approval of property owner).
  - iii. State or local parks- must complete all necessary paperwork/reservations

**Related Resources:**

- Pre-Event Screening Checklist
- Campout Safety Checklist

**As this is an evolving situation, this information is subject to change.**

# Model Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist

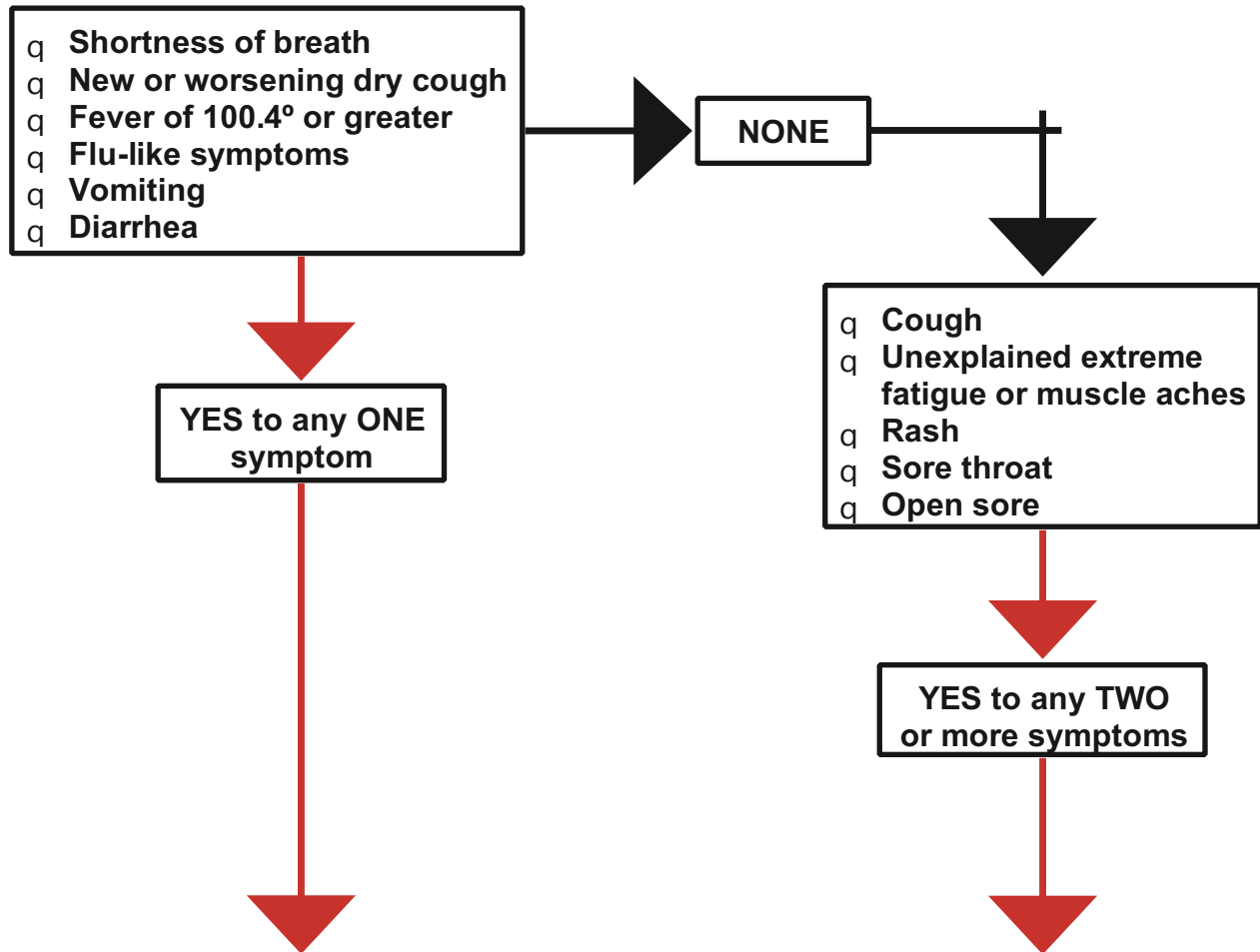
*Please Answer the following;*

- 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.***



**THE PARTICIPANT MUST STAY HOME**  
These symptoms are associated with communicable diseases  
and the participant **MUST** stay home until medically cleared by their health care provider.

Signing below I am stating the above answers are true and correct 24 hours prior to arrival to camp.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Troop #: \_\_\_\_\_ Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Campout Safety Checklist

Campout Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Campout Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Campout Location: \_\_\_\_\_

## Unit Single Point of Contact (not a participant in the campout)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The following checklist provides guidance on safety issues that you may encounter at a Scouting campout. Along with the *Guide to Safe Scouting*, this tool will help you in having conversations with both Scouts and adult leaders on identifying risks that need to be mitigated or eliminated.

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## Documentation Needed

### General (common for nearly all outings)

- [Guide to Safe Scouting](#)
- [Permission slips](#)
- [Medical records](#)
- Maps of campsite
- Maps to and from campsite
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Specialized (less common)

- Float plan
- [Flying Plan Checklist](#)

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## Training

### [General](#) (needed for nearly all programs)

- Youth Protection Training
- Hazardous weather
- First aid/CPR
- Drivers/[Risk Zone](#)
- Safe Swim Defense
- Safety Afloat
- BALOO

### Program or Activity Specific (Boy Scouts and Venturers)

- [Wilderness First Aid](#)
- [Climb On Safely](#)
- Trek Safely
- NRA instructor
- Range safety officer
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## Planning (Has the following been confirmed?)

- Weather conditions
- Route conditions
- Drivers licensed
- Drivers insured
- [BSA swim check](#)
- [Service project guidelines](#)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## Equipment (If the following equipment will be used, is it in good order/inspected?)

- Trailer
- [Personal vehicles](#)
- First aid kit
- Fire extinguisher
- Tools
- Road emergency kit
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## Emergency Planning (Are plans in place for the following?)

- Local police/fire/EMS
- Local hospital
- Lightning
- Severe weather
- Lost Scout
- Active shooter
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## Program (Have the following program areas been addressed?)

- [Age-appropriate activities](#)
- Adult supervision
- Safety equipment
- [Hazards identified and discussed](#)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_