

Re-Opening Unit Meetings in the Buffalo Trace Council

How to Mitigate Risk & Be Responsible Scouts

Units can meet as long as they meet the rules below. Outdoor meetings are highly encouraged. While we are all anxious and excited to re-start Scouting as we know it, we must take specific precautions to mitigate risk. Below are recommended procedures as of June 15th, 2020 for conducting unit meetings and activities. These have been reviewed by the Buffalo Trace Council. These recommendations are subject to change.

Note: These recommendations should mitigate most risk but not all. Participants need to be aware that any activity puts them at some risk of exposure. Remember: exposure to coronavirus could be asymptomatic. If a person becomes infected, they may become asymptomatic carriers. They would then most likely infect other people unwillingly.

Some charter partners are not opening up their buildings for meetings. Please respect their wishes and communicate with your Institutional Head prior to any meetings or events.

1. Those at significant risk for infection should consult a physician prior to participation in any group activities.
2. All participants should review their current health prior to participation of any activity. Only those feeling well should participate. Whenever possible, temperature checks of Scouts and leaders should be made prior to participation.
3. All units should produce and retain a detailed roster of participants for all meetings and activities, so they are prepared in the event that contact tracing is required.
4. All those who have been exposed to Coronavirus must quarantine for 14 days prior to participation in any Scouting activity.
5. Groups must always maintain social distancing of six or more feet.
6. When practical each Scout and adult should wear a cloth mask and have their own hand sanitizer.
7. Transportation to and from activities should be made within family units. No carpooling should be allowed. Unit leadership should not coordinate transportation.
8. Handwashing and sanitation of shared supplies must be done between use.
9. Families/siblings do not need to maintain social distancing for transportation, sleeping, or meeting.
10. Hikes, bike rides and other follow the leader activities, 6 ft distancing should be maintained.
11. Sleeping should be limited to one person per tent, unless they are family. Here is a reminder about Youth Protection rules around this:
 - In Cub Scouting, parents and guardians may share a tent with their family.
 - In all other programs, youth and adults tent separately. ([Youth Protection and Barriers to Abuse FAQs](#))
 - Spouses may share tents.