

## **Troop 314 and Troop 350**

### **COVID-19 Guidelines**

**These are subject to change at any time based on higher level guidance or Troop's ability to adhere to them to keep everyone safe!**

**06/29/20**

Indoor Meetings – Troop, Patrol, Merit Badge, PLC, Board of Review, Eagle Project, Committee , Gear Garage, Service Projects, etc...

- St. John's property – still not allowed at this time
- Follow each "house rule" established by the meeting location (house, business, building, property, etc...) or each of these guidelines whichever one is more restrictive
- Anyone that has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days must not attend.
- Anyone experiencing symptoms of illness currently, or within the previous 72 hours, including but not limited to the following must not attend: cough; fever; chills; shortness of breath; difficulty breathing; fatigue; muscle or body aches; headache; new loss of taste or smell; sore throat; congestion; runny nose; nausea; vomiting; diarrhea
- Non-touch temperature check by an adult for each person (Scout, Scouter, adult, family member, etc...) before they join the meeting or activity. Temperature must be below 100.4 F.
- Upon arrival to meeting all attendees must sanitize hands
- Face covering must be brought by each person and worn at all times while entering the meeting location, conducting the meeting, and exiting the meeting. Lack of an available mask will require the Scout to depart the meeting.
- No more than 10 persons per group. This is a Troop Committee imposed requirement as we return to normal. Success with adhering to these guidelines may result in increased group sizes in the future.
- Discourage and minimize shared equipment including pens for signing off requirements. However, if equipment must be shared it must be wiped down with sanitizing wipe and/or sprayed with sanitizing solution between users. The use of disposable gloves does not remove the need for sanitizing.
- Have sufficient hand sanitizer for each person for entire meeting time start to finish
- Encourage frequent hand washing or use of hand sanitizer
- Cover your cough or sneeze. This should be covered by wearing a mask but is a good habit to get into regardless. It will also help mitigate any loss of ill-fitting masks.
- No unnecessary physical contact, such as high fives, handshakes, fist bumps, or hugs.
- Train Scouts and Scouters on all safety protocols. Review all applicable section(s) of these guidelines at the beginning of the meeting
- Shorten meetings to 1.0 hour due to no bathroom facilities

- Suggest everyone BYOWater

Outdoor Meetings – Troop, Patrol, Merit Badge, PLC, Board of Review, Eagle Project, Committee , Gear Garage, Service Projects, etc...

- Follow each “house rule” established by the meeting location (house, business, building, property, etc...) or each of these guidelines whichever one is more restrictive
- Notify St. John’s charter organization representative (COR) or location POC of intent to meet at a specific location on a specific date at a specific time other than regular Monday 1845-2015 and second Thursdays 1800-2000.
- Anyone that has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days must not attend.
- Anyone experiencing symptoms of illness currently, or within the previous 72 hours, including but not limited to the following must not attend: cough; fever; chills; shortness of breath; difficulty breathing; fatigue; muscle or body aches; headache; new loss of taste or smell; sore throat; congestion; runny nose; nausea; vomiting; diarrhea
- Non-touch temperature check by a Committee Member for each person (Scout, Scouter, adult, family member, etc...) before they join the meeting or activity. Temperature must be below 100.4 F.
- Upon arrival to meeting all attendees must sanitize hands
- Social distancing of at least 6 feet during all activities without face covering
- Face covering must be brought by each person and worn if social distance cannot be maintained due to attendance numbers, ability of Scouts to adhere to guidelines, or type of activity. Lack of an available mask will require the Scout to depart the meeting.
- No more than 10 persons per group. This is a Troop Committee imposed requirement as we return to normal. Success with adhering to these guidelines may result in increased group sizes in the future.
- Discourage and minimize shared equipment including pens for signing off requirements. However, if equipment must be shared it must be wiped down with sanitizing wipe and/or sprayed with sanitizing solution between users. The use of disposable gloves does not remove the need for sanitizing.
- Have sufficient hand sanitizer for each person for entire meeting time start to finish
- Provide a table for hand sanitizer
- Encourage frequent use of hand sanitizer
- No spitting
- Cover your cough or sneeze
- No unnecessary physical contact, such as high fives, handshakes, fist bumps, or hugs.
- Train Scouts and Scouters on all safety protocols. Review all applicable section(s) of these guidelines at the beginning of the meeting
- Shorten meetings to 1.0 hour due to no bathroom facilities

- Encourage PLC to plan meetings that can be easily monitored to maintain social distancing of 6' or more such as physical fitness activities (fitness tests), fireman chit training, totin chip training, knot tying skills, tent setup, inspection and takedown, camp stove lighting.
- Suggest everyone BYOWater and BYOChair
- Provide mic and speaker or bullhorn for communicating instructions to large and separated groups
- Set up an ASM location to sign off on handbooks
- Establish Signup Genius for roles required by Scouters: setup; maintain social distancing; sign off requirements; tear down; etc... Lack of minimum personnel signed up by Sunday evening may result in cancellation of Monday meeting.
- May use landscape flags to mark areas where patrols can stand and social distance.
- Scouts, Scouters, and adults – if anyone does not follow the rules then they must go home! Make this clear in the emails that are sent out ahead of time.
- Extra family members (siblings) are not yet permitted at meetings.

### Campouts

- Follow each “house rule” established by the meeting location (house, business, building, property, etc...) or each of these guidelines whichever one is more restrictive
- One person per tent unless related and within Scouts BSA guidelines for tenting
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- Non-touch temperature check by an adult for each person (Scout, Scouter, adult, family member, etc...) before they join the meeting or activity. Temperature must be below 100.4 F.
- Non-touch temperature check for each person (Scout, Scouter, adult, family member, etc...) at the start of the day. Temperature must be below 100.4 F and depart campout if not.
- Upon arrival to meeting all attendees must sanitize hands
- Social distancing of at least 6 feet during all activities without face covering
- Face covering must be brought by each person and worn if social distance cannot be maintained due to attendance numbers, ability of Scouts to adhere to guidelines, or type of activity. Lack of an available mask will require the Scout to depart the meeting.
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- Discourage and minimize shared equipment including pens for signing off requirements. However, if equipment must be shared it must be wiped down with sanitizing wipe and/or

sprayed with sanitizing solution between users. The use of disposable gloves does not remove the need for sanitizing.

- Have sufficient hand sanitizer for each person for entire meeting time start to finish
- Provide a table for hand sanitizer
- Encourage frequent use of hand sanitizer
- No spitting
- Cover your cough or sneeze
- No unnecessary physical contact, such as high fives, handshakes, fist bumps, or hugs.
- Train Scouts and Scouters on all safety protocols. Review all applicable section(s) of these guidelines at the beginning of the meeting
- Provide mic and speaker or bullhorn for communicating instructions to large and separated groups
- Establish Signup Genius for at least minimum number of Scouters needed to setup, monitor social distancing, sign off requirements, tear down, etc...
- Scouts may travel to and from campouts only with family members in the same vehicle. The Troop Committee will look into a release form that can be signed per event. However, that is not in place at this time.

#### Higher Level Guidance and other references

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
- [Alabama Public Health](#)
- [BamaTracker](#)
- [Madison County COVID-19 Updates](#)
- [City of Madison COVID-19 Updates](#)
- [Scouts BSA National Statement on COVID-19](#)
- [Scouts BSA Greater Alabama Council Coronavirus Updates](#)
- [“How Exactly Do You Catch Covid-19? There Is a Growing Consensus”](#)
- PNAS research article: [“Identifying airborne transmission as the dominant route for the spread of COVID-19”](#)
- Associate Professor of Biology Blog Post: [The Risks - Know Them - Avoid Them](#)
- Video: [Coronavirus: New Facts about Infection Mechanisms](#)