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BALTIMORE AREA COUNCIL

Dear Scouting Families,

The Baltimore Area Council, BSA is closely monitoring the news about the Coronavirus, COVID-19. Our primary concern is to ensure the health and safety of our Scouts, volunteers, and team members. Currently, all Scouting activities are continuing as planned. Should recommendations from local government and schools change, we will review the situation and inform you about any changes as quickly as possible.

In the event of future school closures, please follow your local schools to determine if you need to reschedule or cancel unit meetings.

We encourage you to take standard precautions outlined by the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention, including handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes, and staying home if you are ill.

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. However, the following are everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases:

- Stay home when you feel sick.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth and wash your hands before and after doing so.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve/elbow, not your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Do not share personal items such as cups, water bottles, eating utensils, etc.
- Avoid shaking hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

We are all responsible for our safe Scouting environment, and your proactive steps are a critical component. Thank you for doing your part!

For additional information, see the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

