



COVID-19 Policy Update

June 24th, 2021

Camp Saffran - BCMSR

Good afternoon campers,

As we approach the 2021 season, it's important to the Baltimore Area Council that we stay informed and consider industry standards when determining our Health & Safety policies for our summer operation. As guidelines across the country are lifted, Broad Creek has received updated guidance on COVID-19 policy from the CDC, the American Camp Association (ACA), and the Maryland Health Department. Many of these changes relax policies, and we plan to implement the updated plan listed below to our summer camp operation as suggested by these organizations. This plan consists of mostly recommendations, but includes a few remaining requirements for units attending camp.

As always, our mitigation strategies may continue to change in the future, although we will do our best to maintain consistency throughout the summer. We will continue to communicate updates as they arise through email and in all pre-arrival leader's meetings.

The outdoors has proven to be the safest environment during the pandemic, and while restrictions continue to be lifted, we believe these few remaining thoughtful strategies will add security to enhance your summer experience at Broad Creek. Thank you for the flexibility and see you soon on the west bank of the Susquehanna.

Yours in Scouting,

Ryan Jackson
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Baltimore Area Council





Broad Creek Communicable Illness Mitigation Plan

Vaccinations

- Participants are **strongly recommended** to get a COVID-19 vaccination if eligible. Please indicate your vaccination status on your Medical Form:
 - Fully vaccinated: will arrive at camp more than two weeks after receiving the last shot (either first shot of Johnson & Johnson or second shot of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine)
 - Partially vaccinated: have received at least one shot but do not meet the above criteria to be fully vaccinated
 - Unvaccinated: have not and will not receive any shots by arrival at camp

Cohort System and Mask-Wearing

- It is **recommended** that visiting units understand and consider the cohort system when making informed decisions at camp. In this strategy, units who travel and camp together will be considered one “family” and should prevent mixing with other units when it’s avoidable.
- It is **strongly recommended** that unvaccinated participants wear a mask when participating in extended program activities outside of their cohort, such as merit badge classes and open program.
- Masks are **required** for all participants in select high-risk areas and events:
 - Dining hall serving line
 - Campfire program
 - Indoor areas, including merit badge classes and the trading post





Hand-Washing, Sanitization

- It is **strongly recommended** that participants thoroughly wash hands or sanitize before and after:
 - Using shared program equipment
 - Meals at the dining hall
 - Using the latrine

Surface Cleaning

- Although most of the research now shows that COVID-19 does not usually spread through contaminated surfaces, many communicable diseases do.
- Each campsite or lodge will be provided with disinfectant spray for shared surfaces. We recommend that troops plan a duty roster to include frequent disinfecting throughout the week at camp.

Tenting

- Scouts are allowed to share tents with a buddy. Tenting guidelines can be found in the [BSA Youth Protection Barriers to Abuse](#).
- If comfortable, campers are asked to sleep head to toe to allow for maximum physical distancing.

Meals

- Breakfast and lunch will be optional grab and go meals, meaning units will pick up their food and will be able to take it to a location away from the dining hall to eat.
- Dinner will be offered in the pavilion as normal. Troops will be seated together at 3ft. physical distance and 6ft between troops.
- Depending on the attendance, 2 mealtimes may be offered.





Arrival Screening

- All Scouts must have a current BSA Health and Medical form with parts A, B, and C complete. Please make sure to indicate vaccination status in writing either on the medical form itself or on attached documentation.
- Participants and staff with any of the following pre-existing conditions should consult with their physician about the risks associated with attending camp.

Pre-Existing Conditions:

- Asthma
 - Chronic Pulmonary Problems
 - Heart Disease (*structural or functional*)
 - Cancer
 - Blood Disorders
 - Diabetes
 - Kidney or Liver Disease
 - Weakened Immune Systems
- 10-day temperature logs are no longer required for units. Screening upon arrival will be done and include symptom checking, and general wellness. If a participant is feeling ill or showing signs of COVID-19, we ask that they not come to camp out of precaution and get tested as soon as possible.

Additional Screening

- Troops should conduct daily symptom checks with their Scouts and leaders while at camp.

Visitors

- We ask that visitors to camp work with their unit or participant directly to coordinate their visit. Visitors will be required to wear a mask and social distance 6ft during their visit, and will not be permitted at the dining hall during mealtime.
- Parents and visitors who visit camp will be subject to screening on arrival at the Rosenberg Welcome Center





Broad Creek Communicable Illness Response Plan

In the event that an illness – including COVID-19 – occurs at camp, we will **Isolate, Confirm, Respond, and Remove** the impacted participant. We will then communicate closely with the Scout's unit and health officials.

IF SIGNS OF ILLNESS ARE DETECTED

- When any sign of illness is detected in a participant or staff member, two individuals (with appropriate spacing) must immediately escort that individual to the Health Lodge without any stops or contact with others along the way.
- The individual will be evaluated and if it's determined that the individual must go home, they will be kept comfortable until adequate transportation can be arranged.
- Appropriate health authorities will also be notified.

IF SOMEONE BECOMES ILL AT CAMP

- If a participant or staff member develops fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, new loss of taste or smell, vomiting, diarrhea or others for which another cause cannot be confidently determined, that individual will be required to leave camp.
- That individual will be kept comfortable until adequate transportation can be arranged.
- Appropriate health authorities will also be notified.

ENHANCED SANITATION CAMPER CHECKLIST

- A supply of personal hand sanitizer for your session
- A supply of disinfectant wipes
- Reusable face coverings
- Protective gloves (if desired)
- Camp chair (for use in distancing during merit badges)

