



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

BALTIMORE AREA COUNCIL

Dear Scouting Family,

The safety of all our members, volunteers, and employees continues to be our top priority. We know there are questions and concerns about how COVID-19, commonly known as the coronavirus, could affect local Scouting programs in Central Maryland. Please know that we are monitoring developments regarding COVID-19 with our Council Leadership team and local and regional officials.

At this time, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has recommended that public gatherings of 25 individuals or more be cancelled or postponed. Johns Hopkins University is recommending that youth events and activities be limited to no more than 10 individuals (SOURCE: Dr. Alain Labrique, JHU).

The following information regarding events and prevention measures is based on the latest available guidance and recommendations from the leadership of various council committees including District Operations, Program, Risk Management, and others.

- **All Council- and District-sponsored activities, meetings, and events scheduled from March 13 through April 5 are postponed;** rescheduling details will be forthcoming
- Unit-level activities and meetings may be held at the discretion of unit leadership and the guidance of the chartering organization; please adhere to recommendations/guidance from local government and school officials
- Units participating in coordinated service projects such as Scouting for Food should plan accordingly and communicate any changes in schedules to the affected neighborhoods
- We urge Scouts and Scouters at all levels of the organization to utilize alternative options of communication including conference calls, virtual meetings, and video conferencing
- Council leadership will continually reassess this postponement of large-scale Council and District Scouting events and will provide an update by March 27.

As this is an evolving situation, this information is subject to change. We will continue to update you on relevant developments, and we appreciate your understanding of any necessary adjustments in the interest of health and safety. Updates are available in real-time at www.baltimorebsa.org/COVID-19.

If you have a fever, cough, or other symptoms associated with COVID-19, or if you believe you may have been exposed to COVID-19, you should self-quarantine and not attend any Scouting events. People who think they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider as soon as possible.

Should you have any questions or concerns about a specific upcoming event or activity, please reach out to your local district executive or volunteer chair. We will do everything we can to answer your questions using the information available to us.

Yours in Scouting,

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