



# RESTART SCOUTING SAFELY PLANNING GUIDE

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| <b>STEP 1</b> | Develop your Scout Unit's COVID-19 'Restart Scouting Safely' plan with your unit committee.   |
| <b>STEP 2</b> | Share your plan with your Scout Unit's Chartered Organization. Discuss other requirements and guidelines they may have in place and if your Scout unit has permission to begin using their facilities/ space for meetings.  |
| <b>STEP 3</b> | Communicate your unit's plan to your Scouting families. Be sensitive to all families and consider offering a hybrid (both in-person and virtual) program to ensure all Scouts have the opportunity to participate. Parents should only resume Scouting when they are comfortable. Parents are highly encouraged to ask their unit leadership questions about the unit's plan to restart Scouting safely and a unit should ONLY begin meeting if social distancing can be ensured. |
| <b>STEP 4</b> | Monitor and adjust your unit's plan to be current with any new local, state, or federal changes (repeat steps 1-3).   |

## Guidelines to Restart Scouting Safely

- Units must meet in groups of **10 or less**. Be mindful that social distancing may be more difficult for youth than adults. Include two-deep leadership when factoring group size.
- Always maintain proper social distancing and wear face coverings.
- No carpooling.** Only transport your Scout to and from Scouting activities.
- Units may not conduct overnight camping activities on their own. **The only camping permitted is through a BSA resident camp program with paid staff administering the program and adhering to all resident camp guidelines as detailed by the State of Ohio and Local Health Departments.**
- For out-of-state Scouting activities, be advised of any destination state's restrictions and other travel restrictions as Scouting plans are developed.
- Ensure proper cleaning of meeting spaces including Scouting equipment and gear.
- No sharing of food and no communal food preparation. Scouts should bring their own food/meals to activities.
- Take precautions for elderly Scouters and those most vulnerable including having those Scouts not physically participate.
- Ensure both youth and adults self-screen (at a minimum) before attending unit functions.
- Have a prepared plan to address medical protocol should anyone become ill during a meeting or other activity.
- Maintain attendance records for both youth and adults at all meetings and functions in the event contact tracing is needed.

**Any meetings or activities, including campouts, that do not follow these guidelines will not be covered by liability or accident and sickness insurance.**