

Scouting Safely in a COVID-19 World

Now more than ever, young people and their families need the positive influences of Scouting. The current COVID-19 pandemic has kept us locked down, inside and away from friends and family for months. During this time, we have learned much about scouting safely. With the safety of our Scouts and families as our top priority, it is time to Reboot Scouting for the 2020-2021 program year.

The Muskingum Valley Council authorizes unit meetings and activities with-in the following parameters:

1. Units must obtain permission to meet from their Chartered Organization.
2. Units must follow current state and national mandates.
3. Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are at the highest risk—they should not participate in any scouting activities without consulting their health care provider.
4. Pack, Troop and Crew meetings/events must be carefully planned to keep dens and patrols separate throughout the meeting/event. Current limits on gatherings are: Ohio (10) and West Virginia (25). Unit leaders should follow state guidelines on gatherings as these numbers can change frequently.
5. Masks/face coverings must be worn indoors and anytime 6 feet of social distancing is not possible.
6. Hand sanitizer or hand washing should be made available and used frequently.
7. When camping, we strongly encourage 1 Scout per tent. Cub Scouts may tent with their own family members.
8. All Youth Protection and Guide to Safe Scouting rules must be followed.
9. All participants, adult and youth, should screen for Covid-19 symptoms. Any person with any symptoms or temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit must not be allowed to participate.

Do you have new or worsening symptoms of possible Covid-19 infection?

- ***Cough***
- ***Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing***
- ***Chills***
- ***Repeated shaking with chills***
- ***Muscle pain***
- ***Headache***
- ***Sore throat***
- ***Loss of taste or smell***
- ***Diarrhea***
- ***Feeling feverish or having a temperature greater than or equal to 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit***
- ***Known close contact with a person who is lab-confirmed to have Covid-19***