



RESTART SCOUTING SAFELY PLANNING GUIDE

As of 3/22/21

<u>STEP 1</u>	Develop your Scout Unit's COVID-19 'Restart Scouting Safely' plan with your unit committee.
<u>STEP 2</u>	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.
<u>STEP 3</u>	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.
<u>STEP 4</u>	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 in Washington can gather indoors with a **maximum of 10 people from outside your household** and can gather outdoors with a **maximum of 50 people from outside your household**. Follow current local directions in case of change. Be mindful that social distancing may be more difficult for youth than adults. **Include two-deep leadership when factoring group size.**
- ☐ Units in Idaho should **meet in groups of 50 or less. Face coverings are strongly recommended.** Follow current local directions in case of change. Be mindful that social distancing may be more difficult for youth than adults.
- ☐ **If you are meeting, you must utilize the attached *Model COVID-19 Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist*.**
- ☐ Always maintain proper social distancing and wear face coverings.
- ☐ **Limit carpooling.** Encourage only those in the same household to travel together and, if not in the same household, travel in separate vehicles if possible. For travel groups (groups that include more than one household in the same vehicle, whether in a carpool or on a bus) all members of the travel group, including the driver, must wear a face covering and spread out as much as possible within the vehicle. Encourage family members to sit together. Maximize ventilation in the vehicle by opening windows.
- ☐ Units may conduct overnight camping activities on their own as long as the group size and social distancing guidelines above are met.
- ☐ Ensure proper cleaning of meeting spaces including Scouting equipment and gear.
- ☐ Take precautions for elderly Scouters and those most vulnerable including having those Scouts not physically participate.
- ☐ 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.

Your Chartering Organization, as the owner of the unit, has the final approval.

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

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As always, the safety of our Scouts, volunteers, employees and communities is our top priority. Our response to the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be informed by expertise from agencies, including the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#).

The Boy Scouts of America is advising local councils to consult with their local and state health departments, as well as local chartered partners, in order to implement the appropriate protocols to help keep our members, volunteers, and employees safe.

The decision to host all types of programs and events is a local council operational decision. This information is provided as a **guide** to assist local council leadership. Council leadership must work in conjunction with local health officials to meet current, regulatory requirements.

This discussion guide is a resource that should be shared with and utilized by appropriate staff and volunteers who are planning camps and events during the COVID-19 global pandemic.

The questions represented herein do not constitute an exhaustive list and are a minimum standard when considering conducting a camp/event. For additional resources, visit [BSA Outdoor Programs](#) or the [National BSA COVID-19 webpage](#).

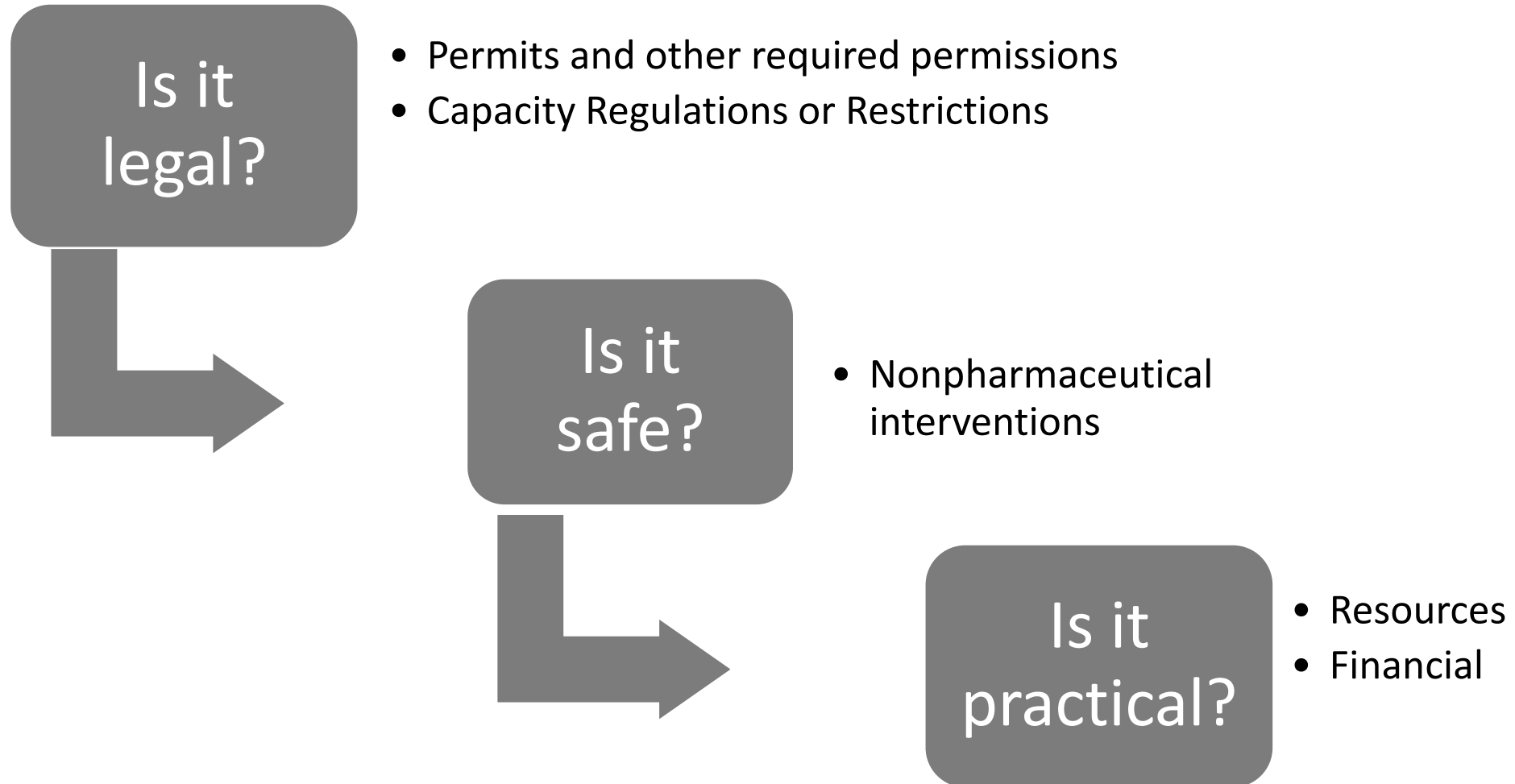
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Camp/Events & COVID-19 Decision Process



Because the safety of our youth members, volunteers, and employees is always BSA's top priority, all camping program(s) or council/district organized event(s) must be evaluated in advance to determine their feasibility in a COVID-19 environment. A metered approach to this risk analysis is found in these three questions:

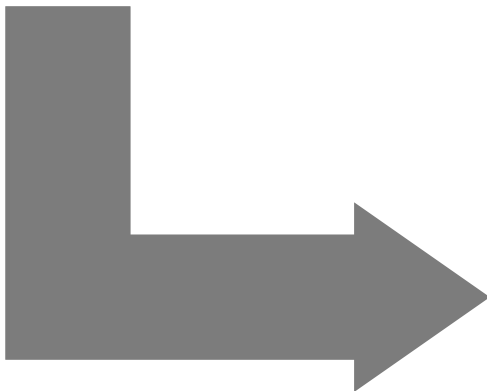


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Is it legal?

- ☐ Review current state and executive orders and/or regulations. *Note regulations change frequently and must be monitored continuously during the planning process.*
- ☐ Review local Health Department regulations. These regulations could include limitations on gathering sizes, interactions beyond individual households, indoor versus outdoor events, etc. *Note regulations change frequently and must be monitored continuously during the planning process.*
- ☐ Are there additional actions or restrictions that your local health department will require at the camp/event location and can you meet them?
- ☐ Do you have all necessary federal, state, and local permits, certificates, licenses, and agreements to lawfully hold this event? For resources on permits and licenses, see [NCAP standard AO-801](#).



After a discussion about the points above, ask the Question “Can we legally hold this camp or event?”

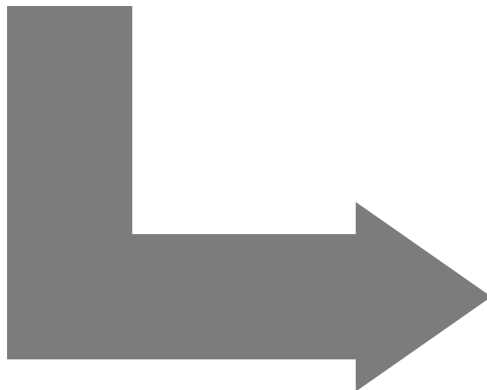
- If No – do not hold the camp/event and inform stakeholders.
- If Yes – move on to question #2.

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Is it safe?

- ☐ Have you reviewed current [CDC guidelines](#)?
- ☐ Have you engaged your Council Health Supervisor?
- ☐ Have you engaged your Enterprise Risk Management committee?
- ☐ Have you reviewed your current council communicable disease plan?
- ☐ What safety measures must be in place to meet current state and executive orders and/or regulations?
- ☐ What safety measures must be in place to meet local Health Department regulation? These required safety measures could include limitations on gathering sizes, interactions beyond individual households, indoor versus outdoor events, physical distancing, facial coverings and any other nonpharmaceutical interventions.
- ☐ What is your pre-screening process? Can it be safely implemented for this camp/event? Does it include all on-site participants, including visitors? The BSA's model pre-event medical screening COVID-19 checklist can be found [here](#).
- ☐ Do you have the required PPE on hand to meet any regulations to operate the camp/event safely?
- ☐ Do you have the necessary supplies to follow required cleaning and disinfection protocols?



After a discussion about the points above, ask the Question
“Can we safely hold this camp or event?”

- If No – do not hold the camp/event and inform stakeholders.
- If Yes – move on to question #3.

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Is it practical?

- ☐ Can you meet current CDC guidance, required state and local health department regulations for this specific camp/event?
- ☐ Can you practically follow your council communicable disease/COVID-19 mitigation plan at this camp/event? For example the pre-screening effectiveness, cohort model(s), sanitation plan and more.
- ☐ Can you meet appropriate NCAP standards (if required), BSA program materials and Guide to Safe Scouting?
- ☐ Does your pre-camp/event communication ensure that all participants are prepared to help mitigate COVID-19 exposures at the camp/event? Are you utilizing the BSA model COVID-19 Participant Statement?
- ☐ Can the camp/event be held in a fiscally responsible way?
- ☐ Can you meet staffing (staff, volunteers and other support) requirements when considering necessary certifications, group numbers and sizes, cohorts, cleaning and disinfecting and any other staffing needs?
- ☐ Do you have the equipment to meet the program needs and manage required cleaning and disinfecting? For information on cleaning and disinfecting program equipment [click here](#).
- ☐ In the event of a possible COVID-19 exposure, will you be able to effectively contact trace and follow other required incident reporting mandates?



After a discussion about the points above, ask the Question “Is it practical to hold this event?” Then ask, are there any other specific camp/event or council considerations?

- If No – do not hold the camp/event and inform stakeholders.
- If Yes – move forward with camp/event planning.

What's Next?

- Share this guide with the decision makers for your camp/event and discuss the points presented herein.
- “Be Prepared” to modify your plan to meet the legal, safe and practical applications for your camp/event.
- Communicate your decisions. Necessary notifications could include key stakeholders, local regulatory officials, and others as appropriate.
- Schedule consistent communication to your stakeholders, including your decision-making timeline.
- If there is an incident or exposure at the camp/event, report appropriately through the BSA incident reporting website following the COVID-19 reporting protocols.
- Promote the value and critical need to continue Scouting’s outdoor adventures!



If you have further questions,
please contact

outdoorprograms@scouting.org or
health.safety@scouting.org.

For additional resources:

- For additional outdoor program or property resources, visit [BSA Outdoor Programs](#).
- BSA’s COVID-19 [resource page](#)
- [BSA Program Hazard Analysis Materials](#)
- BSA Incident Reporting COVID-19 [resource page](#)
- [National Camping School Information](#)
- [National Camp Accreditation Program \(NCAP\) Standards](#)
- [American Camp Association COVID-19 Field Guide](#)
- [American Camp Association COVID-19 Resources](#)



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Model COVID-19 Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist

Use this checklist to assist in identifying potential COVID-19 cases before event participation.

Review with each youth and adult participant their current health status, both before departure and upon arrival at the event. **Anyone entering a camp or event – including visitors, vendors, etc. – must be screened.**

Councils should customize with input from their council health supervisor and local health department.

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Have you or has anyone in your household been in [close contact*](#) in the past 14 days with anyone known or suspected to have COVID-19 or is otherwise sick?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Have you or has anyone in your household been in [close contact*](#) with anyone who has been tested for COVID-19 and is waiting for results?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Have you or has anyone in your household been sick in the past 14 days, or have you or they been tested for any illness and are waiting for results?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Has anyone in your household been exposed to an individual known or suspected to have COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Have you or has anyone you have been in [close contact*](#) with traveled on a cruise ship or internationally or to an area with a known communicable disease outbreak in the past 14 days?

***According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), “close contact” means:**

- You were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period
- You had direct physical contact with an infected person (hugged or kissed them)
- You shared eating or drinking utensils
- An infected person sneezed, coughed, or otherwise got respiratory droplets on you

If the answer is YES to any one of the five questions above, the participant must stay home.

If all answers above are NO, proceed to the symptoms list below.

Symptoms of COVID-19

*If anyone in your household has **any one** of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19, the entire household must stay home.*

- ☐ **Shortness of breath**
- ☐ **Cough**
- ☐ **Fever of 100.0° or greater**
- ☐ **Flu-like symptoms**
- ☐ **Repeated shaking with chills**
- ☐ **Fatigue**
- ☐ **Muscle or body aches**
- ☐ **Headache**
- ☐ **Sore throat**
- ☐ **Loss of taste or smell**
- ☐ **Diarrhea**
- ☐ **Nausea or vomiting**

****Potential Higher-Risk Individuals****

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are you in a higher-risk category as defined by the [CDC guidelines](#), including older adults, people with medical conditions, and those with other individual circumstances?

If the answer is “yes,” we recommend that you stay home.

Should you choose to participate, you must have approval from your health care provider.