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Dear Marin Council Scouting Volunteers,

With the introduction of COVID-19 or Novel Coronavirus in our area, many Marin Council leaders and families may have questions regarding unit meetings, outings, and activities. We understand that the fluidity of this situation is causing uncertainty among units and volunteers in relation to its impact on Scouting programs.

Our council's Risk Management Committee and council leadership are monitoring the situation and changes to guidance and recommendations of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Marin County health departments and will continue to communicate updated recommendations as new information becomes available. **Council leadership is following the guidance of our local and state health departments and recommends that Scouting units also follow those recommendations as well.**

#### Meetings and Events:

- Gatherings, events, or meetings of more than 100 people should be cancelled or postponed.
- Smaller gatherings of less than 100 people can be held if in venues that permit participants to socially distance themselves by approximately six feet. Whenever possible, non-essential meetings, especially indoor meetings, should be postponed.
- Gathering of individuals who are at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 should be limited to 10 people or less.

#### Everyday Preventative Measures and Making Gatherings Safer:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Do not share personal items such as cups, water bottles, eating utensils, etc.
- Add distance between where people sit or stand and limit the need of placing people in lines.
- Spread out attendance by splitting gatherings into smaller groups.
- **Stay home if you feel sick.**
- If you reside with an individual who is of higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19, consider limiting your activities to prevent unwitting transmission of the virus.

#### Restrictions in place and recommended by the Marin Council through 4/3/2020 (may be extended):

- Winter Lodges and Cabins at Camp Marin Sierra will not be available for use.
- Outdoor camping at Camp Tamarancho is permitted by units adhering to the above guidelines.
- Unit meetings and activities either outdoors or indoors in keeping with health department guidelines may be conducted at the discretion of unit leadership and parents.

A Scout is Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, & Kind. The steps we take to limit the transmission of COVID-19 will reduce its spread and save lives.

For more information:

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