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Dear Marin Council Scouting Volunteers and Families,

Congratulations! As a result of continued efforts slowing the spread of the coronavirus, California has discontinued the color tier system and most restrictions have been lifted. The COVID-19 virus has not gone away, but we are at a point where we can balance our approach and Scout safely.

It is important to note though that Marin Council and many Scouting activities fall under a series of different guidelines including California Department of Public Health (CDPH), CalOSHA, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Depending on the type of activity and vaccine status of the participants there may be restrictions that need to be followed.

We do understand that the overlapping guidance from various government agencies might appear contradictory and certainly confusing, we would ask all our Marin Council volunteers and families to continue to be mindful of governmental advisories as well as council updates and to follow them to keep our members and our communities safe.

Every member, volunteer and family must evaluate their unique circumstances and make an informed decision before attending in-person activities. We hope this information will be helpful as you make that choice.

What is currently allowed?

All Scout Meetings, Day Activities, Overnight Camping, and long-term camping are allowed.

Specific Guidelines Still in Place:

Vaccine Status and Testing Requirements:

- We recommend all individuals be fully vaccinated if possible. Fully vaccinated is defined as having received the full dose of a specific vaccine (1 or 2 doses) and two weeks having elapsed.
- If vaccination is not possible or the above criteria cannot be met due to timing, testing may be required with a negative COVID test, either PCR-based (within 72 hours of arrival) or Antigen-based (Rapid Test, within 24 hours of arrival).
- **For Camp Marin Sierra:** All attendees will be required to present either proof of vaccination or a negative test upon arrival at camp.
- **For Tamarancho Day Camp:** Campers are not to be sent to camp if they are sick or symptomatic; parents are to confirm their child is healthy each day before sending them to camp.
- **For Other Activities:** Leaders are to confirm that each participant undergoes a pre-screening health checklist before the activity; that does not need to be collected. Additionally, leaders should be aware of the vaccine status of participants to aide in understanding masking requirements. Proof of vaccine or a negative test are not required except for long-term campers, resident camp staff, day camp staff, or council staff.

Masking:

- **Indoors:** With a mixed vaccinated and unvaccinated population, masking should be required by all when in an indoor setting; this sets a positive example for younger Scouts who are not eligible to be vaccinated. Masks are not required when eating or drinking but must be worn when serving food or in a serving line.
- **Outdoors:** With a mixed vaccinated and unvaccinated population, when physical distancing is possible or within your own individual campsite, masking is not required. When physical distancing is not possible or in a group mixed with Scouts from another unit, masking is required.

Personal Hygiene:

- Frequent handwashing and sanitization should still be followed.

Common Questions:

- *Are we still limited to Cohorts of 16 participants?*
Not anymore. Activities, including overnight campouts, can be conducted in groups of any size. Our campsite occupancy practices will be returning to our standard configuration as we move through the summer.
- *Do we still need to collect COVI-19 Health Pre-screenings?*
Some events like long-term camp may still require a completed Health Pre-Screening form for each participant prior to arrival, but for the most part the Health Pre-Screening can be reviewed at home by the parent to evaluate whether a Scout is ill / symptomatic. Temperature checks are no longer required.
- *Do we need to complete a Tracking Roster for meetings and activities?*
We are no longer requiring that you complete and retain that form however keeping a general attendance record is always prudent.
- *If I am vaccinated, why do I need to wear a mask in some settings?*
Many of our Scouts are not eligible to be vaccinated. They will continue to need to wear masks in many circumstances. To support those younger Scouts and set the example as leaders, we would ask that if any participant needs to wear a mask, that all participants wear a mask. A Scout is a Friend to all.
- *Is carpooling allowed?*
Yes, ridesharing is permitted. If passengers are from different households, they should wear masks and the car should be ventilated.

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