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Dear Marin Council Scouting Volunteers and Families,

With the recent upswing in cases, the virulence of the Delta variant, and the fact that our Scouts will be returning to school in the coming days it is important to remind our leaders and members of practices that should be followed related to meetings and activities to not only keep our Scouting families safe but also so we can all do our part in the interest of public health to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Please Note: Marin Council Scouting activities often fall under different guidelines including Marin County HHS, Nevada County Department of Environmental Health, California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Based on activity and location, there may be added communication for specific events.

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

What is currently allowed?

All Scout Meetings, Activities, Overnight Camping, and long-term camping are allowed and may be conducted on an in-person basis. Conducting meetings or activities outside is preferred.

Specific Guidelines in Place:

Vaccine, Testing, and Screening 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.
- Testing unvaccinated participants to screen before an event is currently only required for long term resident camping.
- Regardless of vaccination status, leaders are to confirm that each participant undergoes a pre-screening health checklist before the activity; that does not need to be collected. Participants who display symptoms or have had recent risk of exposure should forgo attending.

Masking:

- **Indoors:** Masking is currently required by all regardless of vaccine status when in an indoor setting. Masks are not required when eating or drinking indoors but physical distancing at those occasions needs to be implemented.
- **Outdoors:** Other than larger gatherings, masking is not required in outdoor settings. Masks are not to be worn during aquatic activities.
- **Food Service:** Regardless of indoor vs outdoor setting, participants should wear facemasks in food service lines.
- **Respect:** Those who are more comfortable masking at all times, regardless of requirement, should be respected.

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 COVID-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.
- *Is carpooling allowed?*
Yes, ridesharing is permitted. If passengers are from different households, they should wear masks and the car should be ventilated.

For more information:

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