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Dear Marin Council Scouting Volunteers and Families,

The State of California has just relaxed masking mandates allowing our council to update guidelines related to COVID-19 mitigation measures. As we have learned from the past two years, we all need to remain flexible and...we need to remember that “A Scout is Cheerful” even during turbulent times.

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 does provide an extra layer of mitigation and should be considered when possible.

While we can return to a full in-person program, recognize some families may be hesitant of groups; be respectful of their decisions and support those Scouts in staying engaged in Scouting. Also note, that technology has proved very effective in conducting virtual planning and organizational meetings for adults; continuing those types of meetings for committees is safer and an efficient use of time.

Specific Guidelines in Place:

Vaccine, Testing, and Screening Requirements:

- We strongly recommend all individuals be fully vaccinated and boosted if possible. Fully vaccinated is defined by the CDC on their website: [Stay Up to Date with Your Vaccines | CDC](#).
- 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 are awaiting test results should forgo attending.
- Those staying in Marin Sierra Winter Lodges are required to be fully vaccinated.

Masking:

- **Indoors:** Masking is currently required by all individuals not fully vaccinated when in an indoor setting. Fully vaccinated individuals at Scout meetings or activities are not required to wear face coverings (however some locations or businesses may require masks).
- Regardless of vaccination status masks are not required when eating, drinking, or sleeping indoors but physical distancing at those occasions needs to be implemented.
- **Outdoors:** Other than larger, condensed 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, servers and 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.

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.

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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