

# PROGRAM RE-ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

As of June 20, 2020

In an effort to mitigate the health risk of spreading Coronavirus to our volunteers, staff and adult and youth members, the Michigan Crossroads Council is providing the following guidelines for implementation by units, unit leaders, and district and council volunteers.

*While these recommendations are intended to facilitate risk mitigation, every participant in Scouting activities must be aware that the Coronavirus is very contagious and participation in any activity can put each participant and others at some risk of exposure to the Coronavirus.*

Please remember that exposure to coronavirus could be asymptomatic. A person who becomes infected with the Coronavirus may be an asymptomatic carrier and can infect others even if not displaying any symptoms of the Coronavirus. Consequently, **IT IS CRITICAL THAT GOOD HEALTH AND SAFETY PRACTICES BE FOLLOWED IN ALL SITUATIONS.** Accordingly:

1. **Before resuming any in-person Scouting activities, each unit should check with its charter partner to ensure it approves of the activities.** Some charter partners are not opening their facilities for meetings or have imposed additional restrictions on groups meeting. Each unit must respect its charter partner's directions and must follow all applicable rules and guidance of its charter partner.
2. **Currently, the Michigan Crossroads Council will be open for in-person scouting activities solely for (a) programs hosted by districts, divisions and/or the council (b) unit level activities, service projects, fundraising, and/or meetings.** Please continue to check the Council's website and follow the Council's FB page for details on all of these programs as they are announced. The Council expects to announce additional programs in the coming weeks as it continues to work toward Fall activities. We all need to be mindful of how future conditions and State of Michigan orders and guidance will impact the Council's program.
3. **Prior to participating in any district, division or council or unit level in-person activities, service projects, and/or meetings individuals at higher risk of severe illness due to pulmonary or other conditions outlined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), and adults over age 60, (a) must consult with their physician and (b) have their physician complete and sign the Council's Supplemental Medical Permission.**
4. Each unit should keep a detailed roster of the participants at every meeting and activity, so it is prepared in the event that contact tracing is required. Each unit must also retain a current Part A & B Medical form of each participant for this purpose. When attending any district, division, or council level in-person activities, each individual participant will be required to provide a copy of a current Part A & B Medical form and the unit, district, or council will be required to retain the copy so provided.
5. All participants should review their current health prior to participating in any Scouting activity. Individuals with temperatures higher than 100.4 and/or other symptoms of COVID-19 should not participate in any Scouting activity.
6. All individuals who believe they may have been exposed to Coronavirus must quarantine for 14-days prior to participating in any district, division or council or unit level activities, service projects or meetings.
7. Outdoor meetings are highly encouraged subject to applicable social distancing and other guidelines.
8. Groups are encouraged to maintain social distancing of six feet or more, and to wear face masks when indoors and at other times when practical to do so or when required by applicable guidelines.
9. Group meeting size must comply with applicable state guidelines. While the Council recognizes that there are Troops, Packs and Crews with large numbers of youth members, we believe that so limiting the number of participants will allow for appropriate social distancing and efficient contact tracing in the event of potential exposure. Activities done in small groups (den meetings and patrol meetings) are preferable.
10. Transportation to and from activities should be made within family units. Carpooling should be discouraged.
11. Handwashing and sanitization of shared supplies or equipment must be done between each use of shared supplies or equipment—following CDC recommendations. A copy of the CDC recommendations can be found on the [Michiganscouting.org](https://www.michiganscouting.org) website.
12. Sleeping arrangements on camping trips should be limited to one person per tent, unless they are family.
13. Six-foot distancing should be maintained when practical during hikes, bike rides, and other "follow the leader" style activities.
14. All local, state, and federal safety guidelines should be followed. Please review guidelines for not only your unit's meeting location, but the location of any camping/activity destination.

**15. All BSA Youth Protection guidelines must be adhered to at all times.**

16. It is recommended that every unit share these guidelines with each of its members and post these guidelines at and during all meetings and activities. **In addition, every Unit should obtain written permission from parents stating that they have reviewed these guidelines and consent to having their child participate in Scouting activities. Every unit must keep such written permissions with the unit health forms.**

**17. Before allowing any person to participate in any district, division or council or unit level activities, service projects or meetings, EACH UNIT MUST OBTAIN FROM EACH OF ITS PARTICIPANTS THE DOCUMENTS THAT FOLLOW:**

**Youth participant:**

- Current Part A & B Health Form
- Youth Member Release and Waiver of Liability
- For vulnerable health classes only: Supplement Medical Permission form

**Adult participant:**

- Current Part A & B Health Form
- Adult Member Release and Waiver of Liability
- For vulnerable health classes only: Supplemental Medical Permission form
- For those over 60 only: Supplemental Medical Permission form
- For any adults working routinely with properties: Volunteer Services Agreement

**18. \*\*\*All required and supporting documents can be downloaded from [www.michiganscouting.org/miscoutingforward](http://www.michiganscouting.org/miscoutingforward) \*\*\***

**Michigan Crossroads camping facilities will be open for campsite and latrine use only after July 6, 2020. Building use guidelines will be forthcoming later this Summer for Fall program and cabin rental status.**

Finally, as representatives of Scouting, it is important that we demonstrate the principles of the Scout Oath and Law now more than ever before. As restrictions begin to lift, individuals within your Scout unit may have varying levels of comfort or anxiety. It is our responsibility to be kind while being helpful and friendly and to demonstrate empathy and respect to everyone, even if they have beliefs different than ours. As we move forward, let's be cheerful and brave while showing trustworthy obedience to the rules, regulations and guidance of our State, Counties, Cities and Chartered Organizations.

Stay Safe and Keep Scouting!

