



RESTARTING SCOUTING

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



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OBJECTIVE

Keep the Scouting Program available, accessible, and flexible through observing health and safety measures – through a changing health/medical, legal, social and financial environment

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The Scout Oath and Law

As Scouts, we have a duty to our country to follow the rules.

It is our honor to be respectful, obedient, trustworthy, clean and kind.

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Insurance

- BSA provides a general liability insurance program.
 - Applies to official Scouting activities*
 - Primary for registered adult volunteers and chartering organizations
- Accident & Sickness Insurance provided by Mount Baker Council through BSA's program
 - Secondary to personal insurance (such as medical, prescription, or other health insurance)

***Generally, an “official Scouting activity” is an activity that is consistent with the values, Charter & Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, operation manuals, and applicable literature of the BSA and that is not a prohibited activity.**



Covid-19 Facts – As We Know Them Now

- The COVID – 19 virus information is continually updated.
- The COVID –19 virus is still prevalent in our community.
- The COVID –19 virus is a highly potential danger to people every day, especially high-risk individuals.
- Many infected are asymptomatic and pose a risk to the spread of the virus.

References: <https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus>
<https://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>

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Covid-19 Facts – High Risk Individuals

People CDC considers **higher risk individuals**:

- Over 65
- Chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
- Serious heart conditions
- Immunocompromised
- Severe obesity (BMI of 40 or higher)
- Diabetes
- Chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
- Liver disease



WASHINGTON'S 4 PHASE STATUS



Phase 1



Phase 2



Phase 3



Phase 4

Mount Baker Council County Status
As of 7/14/20



San Juan, Snohomish,
Skagit, Whatcom

Island

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
High-Risk Populations*	Continue to Stay Home, Stay Healthy	Continue to Stay Home, Stay Healthy	Continue to Stay Home, Stay Healthy	Resume public interactions, with physical distancing
Recreation	Some outdoor recreation (hunting, fishing, golf, boating, hiking)	All outdoor recreation involving fewer than 5 people outside your household (camping, beaches, etc.)	- Outdoor group rec. sports activities (5-50 people) - Recreational facilities at <50% capacity (public pools, etc.)	Resume all recreational activity
Gatherings (social, spiritual)	- None - Drive in spiritual service with one household per vehicle	Gather with no more than 5 people outside your household per week	Allow gatherings with no more than 50 people	Allow gatherings with >50 people
Travel	Only essential travel	Limited non-essential travel within proximity of your home	Resume non-essential travel	Continue non-essential travel
Business/Employers	- Essential businesses open - Existing construction that meet agreed upon criteria - Landscaping - Automobile sales - Retail (curb-side pick-up orders only) - Car washes - Pet walkers	- Remaining manufacturing - New construction - In-home/domestic services (nannies, housecleaning, etc.) - Retail (in-store purchases allowed with restrictions) - Real estate - Professional services/office-based businesses (telework remains strongly encouraged) - Hair and nail salons/Barbers - Housecleaning - Restaurants <50% capacity table size no larger than 5	- Restaurants <75% capacity/ table size no larger than 10 - Bars at <25% capacity - Indoor gyms at <50% capacity - Movie theaters at <50% capacity - Government (telework remains strongly encouraged) - Libraries - Museums - All other business activities not yet listed except for nightclubs and events with greater than 50 people	- Nightclubs - Concert venues - Large sporting events - Resume unrestricted staffing of worksites, but continue to practice physical distancing and good hygiene

* High-risk populations are currently defined by CDC as: persons 65 years of age and older; people of all ages with underlying medical conditions (particularly not well controlled) including people with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma, people who have serious heart conditions, people who are immunocompromised, people with severe obesity, people with diabetes, people with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis, and people with liver disease; people who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility.



REVIEW BY MOUNT BAKER COUNCIL

INITIAL RESPONSE

March – May

- Understand the situation and risks; legal, regulatory, insurance
- Initiate virtual Scouting – ScoutingatHome Cmte
- Bring employees into work-from home
- Continue core operations
- Adjust technology

MONITORING PHASE

May - July

- Monitor developments, state mandated phase levels, risks, options, evolving guidelines, mitigations, likely re-emergence context
- BSA National develops direction, options
- Board decision on Summer Camps
- Input from local health Depts.
- Build communications

RESTARTING PHASE

August+

- Finalize plans for re-launch
- Finalize support for restarting
- Continue vigilance
- Continue communications
- Risk potential monitoring of 2nd wave

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RESTARTING SCOUTING RESOURCES

BSA'S RESOURCES

- ✿ Restart Scouting Checklist (S.A.F.E)
- ✿ Model Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist
- ✿ Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist
- ✿ Prevention of Communicable Diseases in Scouting
- ✿ Annual Health and Medical Record (Part A & B)
- ✿ Guide to Safe Scouting
- ✿ <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/incident-report/>

GOVERNMENT

- WWW.CDC.GOV
 - How to Protect Yourself and Others
 - Stop the Spread of Germs
 - Stop Germs! Wash Your Hands
- <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/>
- County Health Departments



S.A.F.E – RESTART SCOUTING CHECKLIST



Restart Scouting Checklist

As always, the safety of our Scouts, volunteers, employees and communities is our top priority. This checklist outlines several minimum guiding protocols that adult leaders/volunteers must consider while working with local and state health departments, local councils, chartered organizations and Scouting families on when and how to resume meetings, service projects, camping and all other official Scouting activities.

If it is not practical to meet these minimal protocols, do not restart in-person activities.

S = Supervision

- Understand local and state guidance on preventing COVID-19 exposure.
- Engage your chartered organization and local council on necessary adjustments.
- Conduct the “before you gather” protocols.

A = Assessment

- Identify participants who fall under the CDC’s group of higher-risk individuals. Notify all participants about the risks of participating since COVID-19 exposure cannot be eliminated.
- Verify that the planned activity, gathering or group sizes are not prohibited by local or state orders.

F = Fitness and Skill

- Review Annual Health and Medical Records and consider using a [pre-event screening](#) for all participants.

E = Equipment and Environment

- Verify that handwashing, hygiene and cleaning supplies are available and used properly.
- Monitor social distancing, interactions and sharing of equipment and food among participants.
- Monitor participants for changing health conditions.
- Use the “as you gather” protocols.

SAFE ≠ Risk-Free

As the response to the pandemic shifts to a state-focused, phased approach, the Boy Scouts of America advises local councils to consult with their local and state health departments, as well as local chartered partners, to implement appropriate protocols to help keep our members, volunteers and employees safe.

Precautions and mitigation strategies are important, but they cannot eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness when in-person activities resume.

People with COVID-19 may show no signs or symptoms of illness, but they can spread the virus. Some people may be contagious before their symptoms occur. The fact is that someone with COVID-19 may pass the required health screenings and be allowed into program activities.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. If you are in this group, please ensure you have approval from your health care provider prior to resuming in-person Scouting activities.

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.

For updates, please monitor <https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus>

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RECOMMENDATIONS : FOLLOW THE 3 S's

- ***Recommendation: Follow the 3 Key Steps***
 - Screening
 - Social Distancing
 - Sanitization

Reminder, always follow state policies, find out your County's phase level and local county health department rules as well as obtain your Chartered Partner protocols and permission.



Screening

Identify participants who fall under the CDC's group of high-risk individuals. Notify all participants about the risks of participating since COVID-19 exposure cannot be eliminated.

All units must use the BSA resources: Model Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist, Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist and Prevention of Communicable Diseases in Scouting documents.



Screening

Pre-Screening: Before attending an activity, Scouts/Families must determine their health before participation.

- Are they high-risk?
- Are they feeling well?
- Have they been exposed?
- Are they prepared to follow the activity safety guidelines?

Activity Screening: To be done at beginning of each activity.

- Review the pre-screening at the activity as well.

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Screening

Those at high-risk for infection should consult a physician prior to participation in any group activities.

- All participants should review their current health prior to participation of any activity. Only those feeling well should participate. Whenever possible, temperature checks of Scouts and leaders should be made prior to participation.
- All units should produce a detailed roster of participants for all meetings and activities, so they are prepared in the event that contact tracing is required.
- All those who have been exposed to Coronavirus must quarantine for 14 days prior to participation in any Scouting activity.



Social Distancing

There is no substitution for 6 ft distancing for non-family members. Families/siblings do not need to maintain social distancing for transportation, sleeping or meeting.

- Pre-planning of the activity to ensure social distancing
 - How is the space to be used to ensure social distancing?
 - How are people getting to the activity?
 - Will face masks be required? (Follow state policies)
 - Are group sizes conducive to social distancing?
- Discipline:
 - Create a Social Distancing Culture.
 - Treat Social Distancing infractions directly and seriously.



Social Distancing

Groups must always maintain social distancing of 6 ft, including hiking, biking and other activities.

- Transportation to and from activities should be made within family units. No carpooling is allowed.
- When mandated and practical, each Scout and adult should wear a face mask.
- If your county's status is Phase 1 or 2, you are limited to essential travel only and limited non-essential travel within the proximity of your home – Washington State Phased Approach plan



Sanitization

Wash Hands with Soap and Water for 20 seconds.

Have 60% Alcohol Sanitizer available (11th essential):

- This is flammable so keep away from heat or open flames.

Bleach Solution to be 1000 ppm for surfaces that can handle it. If not use clean table table clothes or coverings that can be bleached

- 1/3 cup bleach per gallon (lasts 24 hours)

Hand washing and sanitation of shared supplies must be done between uses.

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Washington Phases

Phase 1:

- Shelter in Place.
- Families allowed interaction. No other actions without social distancing.

Phase 2:

- Gather with no more than 5 people outside your household per week.
- Households can camp, go to the beach, etc.
- All outdoor recreation involving fewer than 5 people outside your household (camping, beaches, etc.)



Washington Phases

Phase 3:

- Groups of 50 allowed indoors/outdoors
- Non-Essential traveling allowed
- Outdoor group camping may be allowed. See County Rules
- Pools, bowling alleys, and other venues open
- Social distancing of 6 ft must still be maintained

Phase 4:

- Resume public interactions with physical distancing
- Groups of over 50 allowed
- Outdoor recreation allowed. (Camping, etc.)



Charter Organization Approval

The Unit leadership must have an interaction with their charter organization leadership (charter organization representative) especially prior to restarting any Scouting activities to review any procedure and/or protocol changes and gain written approval from the charter organization. This includes activities at the charter organization facilities, as well any outdoor activities (camping, hiking, backpacking, etc.).

Remember, the units belong to the charter organizations and all programs need to have their approval.



Den & Patrol Meetings During Phases

- Phase 1 – virtual only for all individuals
- Phase 2 – virtual only for high-risk individuals
 - Outdoors only
 - Must maintain 6 ft. social distancing between non-family members
 - Must wear face mask when required by state
 - Limited to 5 individuals – 2 adults and 3 youth or a household
 - Must record attendance and report to unit leader
 - No carpooling
 - Local destinations only
 - Must use Restart Scouting checklist



Den & Patrol Meetings During Phases

- Phase 3 – virtual only for high-risk individuals
 - Must maintain 6 ft social distancing between non-family members
 - Must wear face mask when required by state
 - Must record attendance and report to unit leader
 - No carpooling
 - Groups should be limited to 10 or less scouts with a minimum of 2 registered adult leaders. It is recommended that groups of Cub Scouts and parents should be in groups of 5 youth and up to 5 adults.
 - Must use Restart Scouting checklist
- Phase 4 – recommended for all
 - Must record attendance and report to unit leader
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Unit Meetings During Phases

- Phase 1 – virtual only for all individuals
- Phase 2 – virtual only for all individuals
- Phase 3 – virtual only for high risk individuals
 - Limited to 50 people
 - Must maintain 6 ft social distancing between non-family members
 - Must wear face mask when required by state
 - Must record attendance and report to unit leader
 - Must use Restart Scouting checklist
- Phase 4 – recommended for all
 - Must record attendance and report to unit leader
 - Must use Restart Scouting checklist



Camping & Backpacking During Phases

- Phase 1 – not permitted
- Phase 2 – family only if permitted in county of residence
- Phase 3 – not recommended for high risk individuals
 - Groups must always maintain social distancing of 6 ft between non-family members when hiking, biking and other activities
 - Must wear face mask when required by state
 - Must record attendance and report to unit leader
 - No carpooling
 - Groups should be limited to 10 or less scouts with a minimum of 2 registered adult leaders. It is recommended that groups of Cub Scouts and parents should be in groups of 5 youth and up to 5 adult
 - No group cooking, individual or family group cooking only.



Camping & Backpacking

- Phase 3 continued
 - Tents no closer that 6’.
 - Individual or family group tents only.
 - Must use Restart Scouting checklist
 - Recommended that each individual take their own temperature daily with digital thermometer
- Phase 4 – recommended for all
 - Must record attendance and report to unit leader
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Additional Resources

CDC Covid-19 Prevention

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cleaning-disinfection.html>

CDC Covid-19 High Risk

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>

State of Washington SafeStart Plan

https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/SafeStartWA_4May20_1pm.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

NOLS Covid-19 Backcountry Practices

<https://www.nols.edu/en/covid19-practices/>

NOLS Covid-19 Backcountry Video

<https://youtu.be/17fNTI3nB3w>

Leave No Trace Covid-19 Recommendations for Getting Outside

<https://lnt.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Covid-19-Social-update6-15-partners-small.pdf>



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