



## COVID-19 Update – What Units Can Do

*Updated March 15, 2023*

The State of California and the County of Los Angeles have issued updated health orders. Beginning on April 3, 2023, the guidelines regarding mask-wearing and gatherings have been rescinded for the Protocol on Organized Youth Sports. We encourage Greater LA Scouting units to continue to monitor the health of Scouting participants for illness while being flexible in the planning and execution of their Scouting events and encourage everyone to get vaccinated and boosted.

### Available Now

- Meet in-person indoors or outdoors following applicable County and State Health guidelines.
- Conduct overnight activities including camping and backpacking following applicable County and State Health guidelines.
- Attend day and overnight programs at Camp Trask, Firestone Scout Reservation, and Cabrillo Youth Center. [Sign-ups are available now.](#)
- Attend Greater LA Scouting Summer Camps at [Camp Cherry Valley](#) and [Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation](#). Registration is open now.
- Gear up for [Camp Card](#) sales.
- We encourage all members, staff, volunteers, and members of Scout families 6 months of age and older to get fully vaccinated and that everyone stay up-to-date with their COVID-19 vaccines and boosters.

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## Updated Protocol for In-Person Meetings and Activities

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The following is a summary of the protocols for holding in-person Scout meetings and activities. Meetings and activities may be conducted indoors or outdoors.

- All participants and attendees may wear masks based on individual preference. Exceptions are individuals who are within 10 days of close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 or are following isolation and masking protocols\* after testing positive for COVID-19. Those persons continue to be required to mask around others regardless of vaccination status and should, as best as practicable, continue to wear masks if continuously indoors in close proximity to others.
- Individuals who are more vulnerable to developing severe COVID-19 disease are strongly recommended to wear a highly protective mask in crowded, indoor settings with poor ventilation.
- Be alert for signs of COVID infection (fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea).
- Stress the importance of personal hygiene in protecting each other to reduce the risk of infection.
- Always follow Youth Protection Training guidelines.

**Talk with your Scout families.** Not all families are ready or willing to cease mask usage. Do not pressure them to stop wearing masks if they are not comfortable doing so. Be aware that many families factor Scout Unit protocols on the choice of mask usage and COVID transmission awareness as essential conditions for in-person participation.

**Fun in-person meetings** are key to a successful and engaging scout experience.

\* People with COVID-19 should isolate for 5 days and if they are asymptomatic or their symptoms are resolving (without fever for 24 hours), follow that by 5 days of wearing a mask when around others to minimize the risk of infecting people they encounter.

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## Protocol for Overnight Outings (Unit-Based)

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Units can hold their own overnight camping activities.

- All outing participants are strongly encouraged to be fully vaccinated and up-to-date with their vaccines and boosters.
- Be alert for signs of COVID infection (fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea).
- Perform an illness screening of all outing participants daily.\*
- If a participant develops symptoms of COVID then isolate them from the rest of the group and get them home as soon as possible. It is strongly encouraged that the participant get tested for COVID when possible.
- Stress the importance of personal hygiene in protecting each other to reduce the risk of infection.
- If sleeping in tents, consider limiting tent occupancy, sleeping head to foot, and maximizing ventilation within the tent.
- Always follow Youth Protection Training guidelines.
- Have a great outing!

\* An illness screen consists of checking if outing participants are exhibiting any known COVID symptoms. It is recommended, but not required, to include a temperature check as part of the screening process.

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