**Unit Activities Clarification**

Regarding unit activities, the information sent to units on May 29th follows:

- **All local and state governments, both where the unit is chartered and where the meeting or activity is to take place must clearly permit the activity in terms of gathering size and ability to maintain proper social distancing. All of their and the Federal CDC guidelines must be followed for all phases of the meeting or activity (such as feeding, housing/tents, swimming etc.).**

- **Chartered organizations must approve in person activities and/or meetings prior to restoring them. Units should also consult with their chartered organization to determine the best path forward for the unit’s Scouting programs.**

- **Parents should be surveyed and a majority of the parents in the Scouting unit must approve restoring in person activities.**

- **All meetings and activities are to take place outdoors.**

Please note that there is not a council-wide restriction on group size. The number of participants is dictated by government restrictions and the ability to maintain proper social distancing.

As of today, the following are the group size restrictions that we are aware of:

- Illinois is restricted to a maximum of fifty people.
- St. Louis County and St. Louis City have no restrictions on the size of outdoor gatherings with social distancing and the use of masks.
- The remainder of Missouri has no size restrictions on gatherings.

**Units In Our Camps**

Units can use our camps after following the approval process listed above. Visits are limited to no more than seventy-two hours and reservations are made through the Outdoor Family Experience registration site. Group size in each campsite will be limited to ten or less. Camping overnight is limited to Scouts BSA and Venturing units. Units with groups larger than ten are to reserve multiple campsites and preserve social distancing between campsite groups. As always, all Boy Scouts of America policies are to be followed including those in the Guide to Safe Scouting.
Larger Activities

Plans for any district or council activity that include a total number of face to face participants of more than ten, are to be submitted to the Council Health & Safety Committee for approval.

The plan is to address the following:

- Anticipated crowd size and control, including exit and entry points
- Preventative measures to eliminate congregating in groups
- Requiring masks for visitors and employees
- Require temperature screening of both staff and guests/visitors
- Hand washing and sanitizing stations
- Distribution of food and beverage
- Ensuring social distancing requirements

The request for this information is identical to the information sought by the St. Louis County Department of Public Health for approval of public events. Please submit all plans to Steve Hammonds at steve.hammonds@scouting.org. All requests received by the fifteenth of each month will be reviewed and a response given by the end of each month. Please note that with the changing conditions of our COVID-19 environment, events may have to be cancelled or changed significantly at the last minute before the event takes place.

For the latest developments in governmental regulations, please check the links below:

- Illinois = https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/
- St. Louis City = https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/covid-19/
- St. Louis County = https://www.stlouisco.com/