



CROSSROADS
OF AMERICA COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

UNIT RESTART
GUIDE

BUILDING YOUR UNIT'S RESTART PLAN

- Follow local, state, and federal requirements relating to group sizes, and keep group sizes manageable so that social distancing can be achieved. Include two-deep leadership when assessing group size.
- Be mindful that social distancing for younger age groups, such as Cub Scouts, may be more difficult to maintain.
- Wear face coverings when in close-proximity.
- Ensure proper sanitation of meeting spaces and gear. Consider reducing shared gear or program equipment at meetings.
- No sharing of food or communal food preparation.
- Consider precautions for any Scouts or Scouters that may have risk-factors.
- Ask Scouts and Scouters to self-screen (temperatures, symptoms) before attending any unit function.
- Have a prepared plan to address medical protocols should a Scout or Scouter become ill during a meeting or activity.
- Maintain attendance records for both youth and adults participating in all unit meetings and activities.
- For the time being, eliminate carpooling to events. Do not make unnecessary stops en route when traveling to or from Scouting events.
- Follow all overnight camping requirements from state and local authorities.
- One Scout/ Scouter per tent for any overnight activities is strongly encouraged.
- Follow the FAQ found at: <https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/> and continue to follow the Guide to Safe Scouting for all activities and meetings

These guidelines are adopted and approved by the Crossroads of America Council's Risk Management Committee. If a guideline in this manual is out-of-date, please continue to follow the CDC, State of Indiana, and your local health department's most current guidelines and procedures.

(Considerations and Guidelines: September 2020 Update)

RESTART CHECKLIST

STEP 1	With your Unit Committee, develop your Unit's plan to restart Scouting operations safely.
STEP 2	Share your plan with your Chartered Organization. Work to incorporate requirements and guidelines they may have in place, and ensure you have permission to begin using facilities/space for meetings. Assess if outdoor spaces may be utilized for meetings.
STEP 3	Communicate your Unit's plan to your Scouting families. Consider offering hybrid programming where possible (virtual and in-person) so that all Scouts have the opportunity to participate. Families should resume Scouting when they are comfortable, realizing every family's circumstances and comfort levels are different. Encourage parents to ask questions.
STEP 4	Begin meeting. Maintain social distancing and find helpful ways to reinforce your Unit's plan before and during meetings (visual cues, reminders, announcements, etc.) If meeting outside, assess the safety of the area and monitor the weather.
STEP 5	Continue to adjust your Unit's plan following current local, state, and federal guidelines. Review your plan and communicate necessary adjustments as new guidance is issued. The safety of all Scouts, volunteer leadership, and families is our number one priority. As needed, repeat Steps 1 through 4.



STATE & LOCAL GUIDELINES

STATE OF INDIANA

When planning to engage in any sort of activity it is important to ensure that you are following all state and local guidelines. These state guidelines apply to all of Indiana, but your county may have further guidelines based on local circumstances.

Current guidelines for the State of Indiana can be found at:
<https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/>

The Crossroads of America Council guidance can be found at:
<https://www.crossroadsbsa.org/announcements/covid-19/>

As of August 25, 2020, the State of Indiana Guidelines that need to be followed are:

- Face Coverings are Required
- Social gatherings of up to 250 people may take place following the CDC social distancing guidelines. CDC Social Distancing guidelines can be found here
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html>
- 65 and older, and high-risk citizens must remain cautious and maintain social distance

LOCAL GUIDELINES

As part of the local guidelines that units need to consider, they should contact the Chartering Organization to learn what requirements they have in place. Even if a unit is not planning to meet or use the Charter Organization's location they must follow their guidelines as well. Please reference the county guidelines below for the locale of your meeting, activity, or outing.

[Blackford](#)

[Boone](#)

[Clay](#)

[Clinton](#)

[Delaware](#)

[Fayette](#)

[Franklin](#)

[Hamilton](#)

[Hancock](#)

[Hendricks](#)

[Henry](#)

[Johnson](#)

[Madison](#)

[Marion](#)

[Montgomery](#)

[Parke](#)

[Putnam](#)

[Randolph](#)

[Rush](#)

[Shelby](#)

[Sullivan](#)

[Tipton](#)

[Union](#)

[Vermillion](#)

[Vigo](#)

[Wayne](#)

ESTABLISHING A UNIT PLAN

EVALUATE MEETING STRUCTURES

Some of our normal Scouting meeting places are not currently available to us. When your unit is searching for a meeting location, consider what type of meeting you are looking to have. Dens and Patrols can meet in homes, libraries, garages, backyards, etc. Larger group meetings like a pack or troop meeting might need to meet online to accommodate the much bigger group.

Scouting loves the outdoors! With preparation many meetings can happen outside, even in inclement weather! A simple dining fly can provide an adventurous meeting location. As a reminder, Weather Hazards training and the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) should be reviewed as part of the unit's risk assessment plan.

Your unit can use many online resources to help everyone connect virtually. Visit crossroadsbsa.org for collection of online tips, tools, and activities. Additional national resources are available at scouting.org.

Many schools and organizations are requiring users to submit a COVID-19 safety plan for their group or activity. A template has been provided at the end of this guide to use as a starting point.

INDOOR V. OUTDOOR GUIDELINES

Due to the different guidelines for indoor and outdoor activities, it is important to evaluate the different social distancing measures for both settings.

Reducing transmission in indoor facilities, guide from State of Indiana
https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/files/IN_COVID-19%20environmental%20steps%206.19.20.pdf

Wear a mask to reduce transmission from the CDC
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>



TRANSPORTATION

For unit meetings and outings, the best practice is to encourage that only members of the same household share ride. Any other arrangements should be at the discretion of individual parents.

If sharing a vehicle, masks should be worn by all passengers at all times. Everyone should sit as far apart as possible and surfaces should be sanitized before and after the trip.

TENTING

Camping is a major part of Scouting, but socially distancing in tents presents some obvious challenges. The best practice is to tent individually or with a member of your household. If tents are shared, social distancing should be maintained (6ft) and head-to-toe sleeping is recommended. Individual tents, hammocks, and bivys should be considered. Youth Protection Guidelines must continue to be followed in all arrangements.

Units should consider the following about each activity:

- Verify camping facilities/capacities
- Verify participant counts
- Verify ability to maintain social distancing for all participants, if not possible consider other activities at this time

PROGRAM SAFETY

Every activity should be evaluated for safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. Not all activities that have been safe in Scouting will remain safe. It is important to remember that safe does not mean risk-free. Factors to consider when choosing an activity include ability for all participants to stay 6 feet apart, a lack of need to share equipment, and ease of sanitizing all shared equipment between each use.

Each activity should be evaluated for the following:

- Can all participants stay 6 feet apart
- Will each participant have their own equipment to use
- Can shared equipment be sanitized between each use
- Is frequent handwashing or sanitizing possible and accessible during this activity

Any answer of “no” indicate a change of plans may be necessary.



PARTICIPANT HEALTH SCREENING

NAME _____ UNIT # _____ DATE _____

TEMP ON DAY OF DEPARTURE _____ The CDC defines a fever of 100.4 F or greater

- Are you currently experiencing, or have you in the last 14 days experienced, any symptoms such as fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, body aches or muscle pain, sore throat, headache, diarrhea, nausea/vomiting, runny nose, and new loss of taste or smell?

IF ANSWER IS “YES”, THEY SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO JOIN THE MEETING OR ACTIVITY.

- Have you been in close contact (less than six feet) in the last 14 days with any persons who have been diagnosed COVID-19 or were experiencing any symptoms such as fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, body aches or muscle pain, sore throat, headache, diarrhea, nausea/vomiting, runny nose, and new loss of taste or smell?

IF ANSWER IS “YES”, THEY SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO JOIN THE MEETING OR ACTIVITY.

- Have you been advised by a healthcare provider to self-quarantine due to COVID-19?

IF ANSWER IS “YES”, THEY SHOULD BE ASKED WHEN THEY WERE TOLD TO SELF-QUARANTINE AND FOR HOW LONG. THE INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT PARTICIPATE UNTIL THEY HAVE COMPLETED THEIR QUARANTINE OR ARE OTHERWISE ADVISED BY A HEALTHCARE PROVIDER.

- Have you tested positive for COVID-19?

IF ANSWER IS “YES”, THEY SHOULD BE ASKED WHEN THEY WERE SWABBED FOR THE TEST, HOW MANY DAYS IT HAS BEEN SINCE THEY FIRST EXPERIENCED SYMPTOMS, AND HOW MANY DAYS THEY’VE BEEN SYMPTOM FREE. THE INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT ACCESS THE BUILDING UNTIL AT LEAST THREE DAYS (72 HOURS) HAVE PASSED SINCE SYMPTOMS HAVE RESOLVED WITHOUT THE USE

