



Virginia Headwaters Council UPDATED Response to COVID-19



EFFECTIVE April 1, 2021

The COVID-19 Response Team of the Virginia Headwaters Council is updating our council policies, effective *Thursday, April 1, 2021*. This update is made in concert with the Governor's Fourth Amended Executive Order 72 and recommendations of the Virginia Department of Health.

Our council's always first and foremost concern is the health and safety of all Scouts and Scouters. Policies are outlined below and will remain in effect until further notice. The pandemic continues evolving and we must be aware that modifications in state mandates will occur. Units are advised to also follow their Charter Organization's guidelines related to meeting/activity locations and attendance.

1. **OUTSIDE.** Units may meet in groups not to exceed 100 persons. Masks are to be worn when unable to maintain at least 3 feet distancing from other individuals who are not Family members. Because Covid-19 can spread by singing, yelling or speaking loudly, a mask is to be worn whenever speaking above a talking level. **INSIDE:** Units meeting indoors should not exceed 25 persons in any one group. Masks are to be worn and because persons, unlike in a school setting, will not remain quiet or stationary, the council urges 6 feet of physical distancing. With warmer weather, we encourage and prefer unit meetings outdoors when available.
2. Pre-outing screenings (page 2) are to be conducted on all participants.
3. Frequent hand washing (wash in/wash out).
4. Ensure social distancing as outlined above.
5. Ridesharing or travel stops are not recommended unless within same Family.
6. The policy of one person per tent remains in effect for youth and adults. Siblings and parents from the same residence can share a tent.
7. Extra precautions must continue to be taken during food preparation, dining and cleanup. Regular and repeated hand washing or sanitizing during all of the activity must occur. Strict distancing during preparation and clean up must be enforced. Hand sanitizer at food distribution is required. Servings should be provided by adult(s) wearing gloves and a mask. Common touch utensils should be avoided at Scout activities or meetings. While eating, persons do not wear a mask, therefore should sit at least 6 feet apart unless of the same home residence.

The Virginia Headwaters Council continues to closely monitor ongoing conditions and updates our policies as needed. For our most current statement, please visit www.vahcbsa.org or www.campshenandoah.org.

A reminder that attending any in person event or using any of our council facilities or properties will require the signing of our attached Waiver and Attestation form.

For past 110 years Scouts have lived by our motto: Be Prepared. We are proud to be Scouts at this time: who better than we to be the leaders of safety, preparation, innovation, self-reliance and self-improvement? Be Prepared, Be Safe and Scout On.

Yours in Scouting,

James Battaglia,
Scout executive/CEO



COVID-19 WAIVER & ATTESTATION PARTICIPANT STATEMENT



MUST BE COMPLETED AND BROUGHT TO EVENT/CAMP SHENANDOAH

This form is to be completed, submitted and retained by leadership for any Scouting activity, or if visiting camp, by Camp Shenandoah personnel.

NAME: _____ UNIT TYPE & NUMBER: _____

If not BSA, your organization name: _____

Your safety and the safety of all our members, volunteers, and employees is the Virginia Headwaters Council's top priority. While restrictions can continue to be eased slightly, we continue monitoring the information provided by health experts and government agencies to help keep safe those who participate in activities. Every person, volunteer, and Scouting family member must evaluate their own unique circumstances and make an informed decision before participating in any group activity. We hope this information will be helpful as you make that choice. This form is required even if participant is considered fully vaccinated.

I hereby attest that on the date listed below I do not have any of the following signs and symptoms nor have I been in contact with anyone known to have Covid-19 or Covid-19 symptoms:

- I am not experiencing any symptom of illness such as cough, fever, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, recent loss of taste or smell.
- I have not traveled internationally within the last 14 days.
- I do not believe I have been exposed to someone with a suspected and/or confirmed case of the Coronavirus/COVID-19.
- I have not been diagnosed with Coronavirus/Covid-19. Individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 must be declared non-contagious by state or local public health authorities prior to rejoining group activities.
- I am following all CDC and VDH recommended guidelines as much as possible and limiting my exposure to the Coronavirus/COVID-19. I agree to follow Virginia Headwaters Council policies regarding COVID-19.

Signature Name Above : _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

Only this page needs to be submitted or retained.