



COUNCIL CORONAVIRUS UPDATE # 2

The well-being of our scouts, volunteers and staff is the Greater Tampa Bay Area Council's top priority. We are monitoring the Coronavirus situation closely and at this time we are not recommending the closing of any of our facilities or canceling any council or district events. If the situation changes, we will post notices on our website and Facebook page.

What is the Coronavirus?

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) is one of a family of viruses that can cause symptoms like the common cold and/or flu virus. *Although the immediate health risk is low according to the Centers for Disease control (CDC), we are taking precautions.* We will continue to monitor the latest updates on COVID-19 with our local and state health departments, and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). ***The Council will announce any cancellation of district and council camp events in March and April after consideration of current local school system cancellation decisions.***

What do symptoms of Coronavirus look like?

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) can cause mild to severe respiratory symptoms such as cough, runny nose, sore throat, congestion, fatigue, shortness of breath and fever.

What precautionary measures is the Greater Tampa Bay Area Council taking at council and district events?

1. **Adult Volunteer/Parent Choice** - Any participant currently signed up for any district or council event between March 13 - April 30 may request a refund if the request is received in writing **prior** to the event **only**. Send email to Christine.Chansley@scouting.org.
2. * GTBAC has enacted a mandatory long-term camp **BSA Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist** verification for all youth and adult activities at all council camps and activities **regardless of duration**. **The intent of this checklist is to review with each participant their current health status both before departure for and upon arrival at the event. Please review accordingly.** This checklist is always a good unit risk management practice to follow.
3. Any participant exhibiting symptoms may be asked to leave by the medical officer or event director.
4. Several mobile wash stations are being placed in key traffic locations around council camps.
5. Increased sanitation efforts in common areas, buildings and dining facilities.



What precautionary measures are suggested for local Scout units?

1. Based on meeting patterns, location, and meeting space consideration *each charter partner should locally* determine any potential change in regular meetings.
2. The GTBAC Council *suggests* units use the BSA Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist for youth-parent activities **and prior to departing** for unit overnight campouts.

What can Parents do to protect their Family?

Parents should take the same precautions they would for any common cold or flu.

- Family members need to wash their hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. *(Alcohol-based hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol content can work in a pinch, but they're generally not as effective as soap and water).
- Hands should be washed before eating, after using the bathroom, and when you come inside from outdoor activities that caused hands to get dirty.
- Teach children not to touch their mouths, eyes or noses unless they just washed their hands.
- Cough and/or sneeze into your elbows and not your hands.
- Distance yourself from anyone coughing or sneezing.
- Encourage Healthy Habits, like eating a healthy diet, exercising, and getting enough sleep.
- Get the Flu vaccine to help prevent the flu, which is more common and can be dangerous.
- **Do not send your child to school or Scouts when they are sick.**
- If you have any symptoms of the virus, seek medical attention immediately and follow the advice of your medical professional.

For additional information on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) from the CDC, visit this page:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>



BSA Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist

Has the participant traveled internationally or to a known domestic Coronavirus hotspot or been in contact with someone diagnosed with Coronavirus within the last 2 weeks?

If the participant can answer yes—**he or she should stay home.**

Has the participant had any of the following symptoms in the last 24 hours?

- ☐ Fever (100.4 F or greater)
- ☐ Vomiting
- ☐ Diarrhea

If the participant has fever, vomiting, OR diarrhea—**he or she should stay home.**

Has the participant had any of the following symptoms in the last 24 hours?

- ☐ Unexplained extreme fatigue or muscle aches
- ☐ Rash
- ☐ Cough
- ☐ Sore throat
- ☐ Open sore

If the participant has any two (or more) of these symptoms—**he or she should stay home.**

If the participant has one of these symptoms, discuss any limitations and restrictions with the event director and **consider having him or her stay home.**

Participants who become ill should not return to the activity until they are cleared by a health-care provider. Any participant exhibiting symptoms at an event may be asked to leave by the medical officer or event director.

Event Name: _____

Participant Name: _____

The participant named does NOT exhibit any of the conditions above and is able to participate.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Parent if Participant is a Minor)