

Greater Tampa Bay Area Council Boy Scouts of America  
Coronavirus Update #4 – March 17, 2020

Date: March 17, 2020

To: Greater Tampa Bay Area Council volunteers, staff and donors.

From: James M Rees, Scout Executive/CEO

Dear Scouting Family of the Greater Tampa Bay Area Council,

The health, safety and welfare of all our Scouting participants is the top priority for the Greater Tampa Bay Area Council. Yesterday the President announced the [White House Guidance for COVID-19](#). As a result, the following will now be in effect:

- The Lewis Hill III Scout Center and all Scout Shop locations will be closed to outside guests effective Wednesday, March 18, 2020 – Wednesday, April 1, 2020. These locations are currently scheduled to reopen on Wednesday, April 1, 2020. This is subject to change as the situation evolves. Please monitor our communications for any updates.

As a result:

- Field-based staff (District Executives) will be working remotely during this time and are available by phone and email.
- Administration and Office Staff will be keeping office hours but are not authorized to open the office to customers or guests. Contact information for staff can be found at: [Council Staff Contact Information](#)
- A drop box is available in the lobby of the Scout Center and information can be left in this box during regular business hours and if necessary someone will call you to discuss the information.
- The Scout Shop will be closed until April 1, 2020. Items can be ordered online at [www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org)

The council remains committed to keeping our constituents updated regularly with new information as we have it. We will continue to communicate through three main mechanisms – Email, Website, and Facebook. Please consult these regularly for updates. This situation continues to be dynamic and changing daily. If you have any questions regarding the COVID-19 response for the Greater Tampa Bay Area Council, please contact me by email at [jim.rees@scouting.org](mailto:jim.rees@scouting.org).

Thank you for all you do for Scouting!

Jim

**James M. Rees** | CEO/Scout Executive

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