

GLAAC COVID-19 Protocols

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Will the Council re-opening webinar presentation be made available online?

A: Yes. Please visit our Council website at www.glaacbsa.org/Scouting_at_Home.

Q: Is there a reason this presentation is not being recorded?

A: We are concerned that someone may misspeak or that we might misunderstand a question's context. With posted documents, we can make updates as needed and have appropriate volunteers/staff review them before they are circulated.

Q: It sounds like you are saying that units should not hold their own meetings/activities since there is no paid staff or "commercial" oversight. Is that correct?

A: Yes, that is correct. In the State health department's view, volunteer organizations will not be relied upon to uphold standards and regulations in place for their meetings/activities at this point.

Q: Units have suspended in-person activities since March 16, 2020 based on written direction from council. When, how, and by whom will updated direction be distributed to units and their chartering organizations?

A: The Council leadership will make announcements based upon updated guidance from the State Department of Health.

Q: What does "commercial" oversight mean? Does this mean that we can only do activities at a GLAAC (or other council) camp/facility and cannot or should not do unit level activities on our own?

A: At this point, State Department of Health guidance only provides for permitted "commercial" enterprises to host day camp programming events.

Q: Will small groups be allowed to go camping as of August 1, 2020 (e.g., the 10 youth plus 2 adults)?

A: We cannot predict the future. If reopening guidance received from our State and County Health Departments allowing overnight youth camping at that time and we are permitted, then yes.

Q: Can Scouts carpool if they wear masks during the car ride?

A: No. Current restrictions forbid persons outside of immediate family members to ride in the same car.

Q: What about BSA Part C Medical Forms? Many health offices are limiting services and parents are having issues obtaining.

A: Parts A & B are required for stays of less than 72 hours.

Q: When will the COVID-19 training be available for unit leaders?

A: The training is currently being developed by BSA National. We expect it to be finalized soon.

Q: Are Scouts that work on requirements with their families still eligible for advancement provided they meet the specifics of the requirements?

A: Each unit/chartered organization has the authority to decide to include advancement in that way. It should be documented in the unit's committee meeting minutes for future reference if it needs revisited.

Q: Parents have paid for an entire year of Scouting, yet the Scouts are not getting the traditional program. How do we deal with this?

A: The council has operated and provided resources (like this webinar), advancement processing, training (online), roundtables, and merit badge programs all year. Unlike other youth serving organizations, we are also refunding 100% of camping fees for events that have been cancelled, but we have not cancelled the Scouting program.

Q: Gatherings are prohibited. Gatherings are activities involving people who are not members of one household. How then can we do something as a troop or patrol?

A: You cannot meet under current State and County guidance. Until government officials provide further guidance on reopening procedures for group gatherings, they remain prohibited.

Q: Can you please be a little clearer on Explorer posts resuming their duties and their respective stations?

A: The council would like to approve the agency's COVID-19 protocols before these meeting's resume. We presume that public service agencies will have excellent plans and that approval will proceed swiftly.

Q: Are we encouraging (or discouraging) electronic temperature checks at Scout activities?

A: Required at all GLAAC activities.

Q: When sub-units are allowed to meet, do they need to meet at a BSA facility? If so, what is the process to make that happen?

A: That decision will be made by the unit leadership and the chartering organization. We expect they will meet in their usual locations, once allowed.

Q: For Scouts who were registered for 2020 summer resident camp and had an approved campership, will they be able to defer their campership to 2021? Or will they need to reapply?

A: For those who received approval prior to the camps cancellation, it can be rolled over to 2021. If a campership was not submitted and approved prior to June 6th, 2020 it will need to be re-submitted in 2021.