



**TWIN RIVERS COUNCIL, BSA**  
2021 COVID-19 Mitigation Plan  
Cub Scout & Scouts BSA Resident Camp  
Updated: June 18, 2021

## **INTRODUCTION**

On June 15, 2021, with New York State’s adult vaccination rate exceeding 70%, Governor Cuomo announced that most COVID-19 restrictions were being lifted statewide. As part of this announcement, it was stated that unvaccinated individuals would still be expected to follow CDC guidelines by wearing an appropriate mask indoors in public spaces.

Accordingly, we have revised our resident camp COVID-19 mitigation plan to be consistent with this guidance. Keeping in mind that many of our campers are not yet old enough to be eligible for vaccination, we have elected to keep in place some proactive and less-restrictive mitigation steps, out of an abundance of caution, while significantly relaxing other requirements.

## **RESIDENT CAMP GUIDELINES**

1. COVID-19 vaccination is strongly encouraged for all eligible campers, adults, and staff (“participants”). Documentation of vaccination status is to be provided with the participant’s medical form.
2. Pre-camp COVID-19 testing is no longer required for any asymptomatic participant.
3. No individual may proceed to camp if that person is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, has been diagnosed with COVID-19, or is awaiting COVID-19 test results. No one may proceed to camp if they have been recently exposed to someone who has tested positive, unless the camp participant is fully vaccinated and asymptomatic.
4. All campers and adults will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms during medical checks upon arrival.
5. Unvaccinated individuals will be expected to wear masks indoors except when eating, drinking, sleeping, and showering. Masks may be removed in the dining hall when the participant is seated at the table but should be worn when going through the cafeteria line or getting a drink.
6. Unvaccinated individuals will be expected to wear masks outdoors in situations where social distancing is not possible. (i.e., certain activities or seating that require close proximity to others)
7. Vaccinated individuals are not required to wear masks. Vaccinated staff will wear masks around campers when providing first aid or when leading activities with Scouts when social distancing is not possible.
8. Anyone is welcome to wear a mask whenever they wish, as long as it does not become wet.
9. Whenever possible, Scouts should be paired with another Scout from their own troop when participating in activities that require close proximity or physical contact.
10. Formal daily screenings will not be required; however, all staff and unit leaders are asked to actively monitor the campers in their care for COVID-19 symptoms. Anyone with symptoms must report to the Health Officer for evaluation.
11. If COVID-19 is suspected, parents will be contacted to transport the Scout for off-site testing. The camp must be notified if any participant tests positive during camp or within 14 days after. [call (518) 283-4794]
12. Hand washing stations and hand sanitizer will be available in all program areas, and at the dining hall. Campers will be encouraged to routinely wash their hands and to sanitize before each class and meal.
13. Participants sharing a tent or lean-to are required to sleep head-to-toe to maximize social distancing.

14. Common area bathroom facilities will be cleaned and sanitized daily, at a minimum, and again as needed. High touch areas will be sanitized by the staff throughout the day. Campsite latrines must be cleaned and sanitized daily, and again as needed, by the troops in the site.
15. Program area tables and equipment will be sanitized regularly by the staff. Cots and high touch surfaces in campsites will be sanitized by staff between camp sessions.
16. Meals will be served cafeteria style, with some “grab and go” options.
17. To allow for safer mask removal by unvaccinated individuals, the dining hall will continue to be limited to 50% capacity and tables will be limited to four people while eating. Meals will typically be served in shifts, pre-determined by campsite.
18. Out of an abundance of caution, our parent’s night program will not be offered this year to limit potential exposure.
19. Non-essential visitors are discouraged from coming to camp. Anyone (inc. visitors, adults, Scouts) arriving at camp after the Sunday check in must first check in at the office and complete an attestation/medical screening.
20. Campfire programs with full camp attendance will be permitted. Unvaccinated individuals will be expected to wear masks and troops are asked to sit together as a group.
21. Basketball and Ga-Ga Ball will be permitted, but unvaccinated participants are required to wear masks.
22. Finally, all Scouts, adults, and staff are expected to have fun this summer and enjoy being outside with their friends after a long and challenging year!