

BAC Communication #6 for COVID-19 Response

Dear Bay Area Council Scouting Family,

Over the past three weeks, Brazoria and Galveston Counties, like other nearby counties, have seen record increases in COVID-19 infections. We hoped and prayed that these numbers would have decreased, but they have not. Like you, we want to get back to the adventures of Scouting in the great outdoors. That time is not now and we are taking additional actions to continue keeping our Scouts, their families and their adult leaders safe.

The Bay Area Council has **canceled all Scout meetings, activities and events through August 31st**. We strongly advise that no unit programming take place during this time either. This includes all dens and patrols, packs, troops, crews, ships, posts or unit committees.

Before you resume any in-person Scout gatherings, we strongly advise every unit to have a Safety Pause and evaluate how to best plan to mitigate the risks associated with that in-person Scout gathering, including camping while COVID-19 is still present. It is not only still present, but the number of cases reported is increasing dramatically. If your unit cannot mitigate the risk of exposure, your unit should not do anything in-person. We understand Scouters and Scouts are ready to get back in the great outdoors. We want you to be safe and healthy when that time comes.

Please review and use the attached documents to better understand the hazards that are present and develop a solid plan to keep yourselves and your Scouts safe. Send your completed documents to the Scout Service Center so we can share your plan with other Scouters who want to keep their Scouts safe as they consider if, how and when they can start in-person Scouting.

[Event Checklist](#)

[Enterprise Risk Assessment](#)

[Program Hazard Analysis](#)

[Risk Assessment](#)

[Safety Pause](#)

Thank you for all you do for Scouting. Let's keep our Scouts safe today so they can enjoy more Scouting in the near future.

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