



COVID #8 UPDATE

Dear Bay Area Council Scouting Family,

The Bay Area Council is slowly transitioning back to **council-held** in-person gatherings and activities.

We have developed and are using a Risk Mitigation Plan (Safety Plan) for each activity to ensure we are including appropriate safety measures centered around wearing masks, social distancing and hand sanitizing as needed, when handwashing is not readily available.

We have only conducted one activity, since canceling in-person council gatherings and activities from March - September. It included five Scouts and 10 staff (volunteers). A good plan made all the difference in keeping the participants and the staff safe, while allowing Scouts to get outdoors and participate in overnight camping.

At council events, we are purposefully keeping our participant numbers low which is a critical part of our safety plan. It is unquestionably easier, **and safer**, to conduct an in-person gathering or activity with one den of six rather than trying to conduct a gathering or activity of the entire pack of 50.

As you consider in-person gatherings or activities, we strongly encourage you to develop a **safety plan** first. Share your plan with your chartered partner to get their approval **before** you conduct any in-person Scout gathering, activity or meeting. If you have already developed a plan and gotten it approved, please share it with the council. We will share it with other units so they don't have to develop one from scratch.

Please review and **utilize** the documents below to develop your **safety plan**. Keep it simple and use it. A solid plan will help your Scouts stay safe.

[Safety Pause](#)

[Restarting Scouting Checklist](#)
(Updated June 2020)

[CDC Camps & Events Decision Tree](#)

[Medical Screening](#)

[Pre-event checklist](#)

[Prevention of Communicable Diseases](#)

All the best!

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