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### Update to Five Rivers Council Unit Reopening Plan

New COVID-19 guidance from the CDC and the States of New York and Pennsylvania have been issued. Following your unit's safe restart plan and with the approval of your Chartered Organization as well as following all CDC, State, and Local recommendations units can start conducting meetings and activities under the following adjusted requirements:

#### **Council Wide Requirements:**

- All guidance provided under the **Five Rivers Council Unit Reopening** plan issued July 1, 2020 is still in place except as noted in this document.
- Face coverings, 6-foot social distancing, and pre-event/meeting health screening is required for all indoor and outdoor activities.
- During meetings and activities, the use of cohort groups of Den or Patrol size with consistent physical separation of the cohort groups is required.
- Adequate facilities for regular hand washing or hand sanitizer must be available and all attendees must be encouraged to use them regularly.

#### **Unit Meetings and Events:**

##### **In the State of New York**

- **Beginning March 22**, non-residential social gatherings (Unit Meetings) of up to 100 people can occur indoors and up to 200 people can occur outdoors provided that face coverings and social distancing are guidelines are adhered to.
- **Beginning March 29th**, statewide travel for sports and recreational activities (Scouting) will be permitted. Currently, travel for sports and recreation is limited to contiguous counties and regions in accordance with New York State Department of Health [guidance](#).

##### **In the State of Pennsylvania**

- **Beginning April 4**, revised maximum occupancy limits for indoor events to allow for 25% of maximum occupancy, regardless of venue size, and occupancy limits for outdoor events allow for 50% of maximum occupancy, regardless of venue size. Maximum occupancy is permitted only if attendees and workers are able to comply with the 6-foot physical distancing requirement.  
(Examples: The posted maximum occupancy of a room is 100 people; you can have a maximum of 25 people (youth and adults) in attendance, provided there is enough



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space to physically distance. If the Posted Maximum of the room is 150 people you can have a maximum of 37 in attendance, provided there is enough space to distance.

### **Unit Overnight Camping:**

#### **In the State of New York**

Overnight camping is limited to individuals who live in the same household staying in a campsite.

#### **In the State of Pennsylvania**

Overnight group camping is allowed following the same occupancy guidelines as meetings and other events. This means 25% of occupancy indoors and 50% of occupancy for outdoors. So, if a campsite's occupancy is 40, a maximum of 20 total people can camp in that site. In addition the following requirements must be strictly followed:

- Face coverings, 6-foot physical distancing, and pre-event/meeting health screening is required for all youth and adults in attendance.
- Follow all guidelines of the park/campground.
- Only 1 person to a tent, unless they are members of the same household.
- No patrol or group style cooking. All meals must be individually prepared by the person consuming the meal or a member of their immediate household or be pre-packaged in individual servings. (What a great opportunity to work on cooking Merit Badge)
- No sharing of utensils, plates, drinking vessels, cookware, or dish washing water or equipment.