

## Risk Management Plan

# *History and References to the* COVID - 19 - Guide to Conducting Council and District Events / Activities

## **History**

The Council Guide to Reopening was first published in September, 2020 as the Capitol Area Council began to reopen Council Camp properties for use with Council Events. The Guide has been updated several times, as the Council continued to expand the scope of the Guide to address Council and District Events, both on and off Council properties.

The following information has helped form the planning and implementation of enhanced procedures in Capitol Area Council camp programs.

A commentary published in the journal *Pediatrics*, the official peer-reviewed journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics, concludes that children infrequently transmit COVID-19 to each other or to adults and that many schools, provided they follow appropriate social distancing guidelines and take into account rates of transmission in their community, can and should reopen in the fall.

The commentary states, “After six months, we have a wealth of accumulating data showing that children are less likely to become infected and seem less infectious; it is congregating adults who aren’t following safety protocols who are responsible for driving the upward curve...”

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2020/07/200710100934.htm>

Most school districts within the Capitol Area Council will resume in person classes, at least to a limited extent, between August 18 and September 10, 2020. Further assessment of re-opening dates can be made by local jurisdictions subject to guidance by the Texas Education Agency.

The Capitol Area Council is committed to working with local authorities to safely re-open its camps by providing re-opening plans and seeking approval from local authorities pursuant to the Governor’s Guidance on COVID-19.

It is clear that COVID-19 presents a real risk to our ability to operate camps safely and can have very serious health consequences. Therefore, this plan assumes that COVID-19 will be present at camp(s) and our very best effort will be necessary to mitigate that risk.

The intent is to do everything possible to prepare the campers, staff, volunteers and facilities with safety protocols that will protect campers, Staff and volunteers. This plan contemplates opening camps when it is reasonably safe to do so with limited participation and social distancing standard as per current CDC, DSHS and local guidelines.

As such, the Capitol Area Council adopts as policy the guidance contained in the Texas Department of State Health Services Checklist for Resident /Overnight Youth Camp Operators and the provisions contained in the Center for Disease Control Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting and supplements that guidance as specifically noted herein.

<https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/opentexas.aspx>  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/reopen-guidance.html>

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This guidance, as well as State and local laws and guidance, will be monitored and updated as necessary. This Guide is an effort to supplement the standards contained in the Texas Department of State Health Services Checklist for Resident /Overnight Youth Camp Operators and the provisions contained in the Center for Disease Control Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting. To the extent that any guidance herein conflicts with those documents, the Texas Department of State Health Services Checklist for Resident /Overnight Youth Camp Operators and the provisions contained in the Center for Disease Control Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting will control.

Everyone's cooperation is needed to preserve a safe, clean work environment and a safe and healthy camp. We pray to keep our campers, Staff and volunteers healthy and productive in order to continue to serve the mission of Scouting.

### Resources

Center for Disease Controls  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Governor's Strike Force to Open Texas  
Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
Texas Department of State Health Services  
U.S. Coast Guard

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