



Dear Scouting Family,

Updated: March 17, 2020

As always, your safety and the safety of all our members, volunteers, and employees is our top priority. We know there are questions and concerns about how COVID-19, commonly known as the coronavirus, could affect local Scouting programs in Santa Fe Trail Council. Please know that we are monitoring developments regarding COVID-19 through our local health care professionals.

### **BSA Policies to Prevent the Spread of Illness**

The Boy Scouts of America continues to have policies and procedures in place that help protect participants from contracting an illness. These include the [Annual Health and Medical Record](#) and the [Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist](#).

### **Everyday Preventive Measures**

Even with those important policies in place, it is critical that we all take these everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases:



- Stay home when you feel sick.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth, and wash your hands before and after doing so.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve/elbow, not your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Do not share personal items such as cups, water bottles, eating utensils, etc.
- Avoid shaking hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.



If you have a fever, cough, or other symptoms associated with COVID-19, or if you believe you may have been exposed, you should contact your healthcare provider immediately.

### **Status of Council Events**

After much consideration, it has been decided that **all in-person Council & District events, activities, and meetings of 10 people or more from March 16<sup>th</sup> to April 17<sup>th</sup> will be postponed. We also strongly encourage units NOT to meet until April 2<sup>nd</sup>.** This decision has been made out of abundance of caution and concern for the health of our Scouters and their families. Specifically:

- District Pinewood Derby on April 4<sup>th</sup>

Currently, activities after April 17<sup>th</sup> are planning to continue as scheduled due to the information we have received from the [Kansas Department of Health and Environment](#) the [CDC](#). COVID-19. You may monitor event updates here: [www.sftcbsa.org](http://www.sftcbsa.org)

Please continue to register for events via [www.sftcbsa.org](http://www.sftcbsa.org) as that way we can contact you in case of any changes.

Decisions about unit meetings and activities should be made by unit leadership and chartering organizations based on the current CDC and local health department guidelines.

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**Your Attention Please:**

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## Updated Health and Safety Procedures

Our offices will be closed to walk-in customers beginning March 16<sup>th</sup> through March 30<sup>th</sup>, to assist in the protection of our staff and tenants.

If you are needing to make a purchase or need any other assistance, you can:

Call our office at 620-275-5162

Email [santafetrail@scouting.org](mailto:santafetrail@scouting.org)

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