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To Our Scouting Family and Friends,

As Scouts, we have a responsibility to our community to do everything in our power to limit the spread of the COVID19. Fortunately, our Scouts have stood strong throughout this pandemic and continued their adventures in new ways while following local safety guidelines. Thank you to our volunteers and staff for their work to keep Scouting alive and prepared for the time we can get back to more traditional Scouting. We continue to monitor the safety guidelines and recommendations from the CDC and County Health Department.

As all the prior guidelines have now become recommendations, we as a council strongly urge units to continue to follow as many guidelines as possible while delivering their program. While the council no longer requires the safety plan, a unit might have to still follow their safety plans or create one due to the guidelines of their chartered org and meeting location. It will be up to each unit to check with their Charter Organization and meeting location recommendations and/or restrictions.

If patrol/group cooking is happening on an outing or activity then there must be guidance to the Scouts/leaders on handwashing, gloves, and mask-wearing while prepare and serving food.

The CDC recently released the recommendation for everyone to wear a mask indoors regardless of vaccination status and SD County is following that recommendation.

Face Coverings are required indoors in K-12 schools, childcare, and other youth settings. https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/progrms/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/2019-nCoV/face-coverings.html

Here is the link for BSA National COVID-19 FAQs that answers questions about advancement and travel and camping as unit: [BSA National COVID-19 FAQ](#)

Please check the [Eagle Trail](#) page on our website for Eagle candidate information regarding how to turn in your Eagle application or request an extension. All Eagle Boards of Review and applications are done electronic/virtual. Please do not take your application to Scout Headquarters.

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And the most recent statement from BSA National:

National Statement on COVID-19 Revised August 2021

The safety of our Scouts, volunteers, employees, and communities continues to be our top priority. We must continue our vigilance to assure that youth and their families are safe while they enjoy the many benefits of Scouting.

We continue to follow the guidance from expert agencies and follow the measures that have become second nature to many – hand hygiene, masks, distancing, meeting in cohorts and remaining at home if you have symptoms or feel bad.

We encourage everyone to consult with their physician and get vaccinated. It is our best hope for returning to normalcy in our Scouting family.

The critical need of today is for all to understand the rationale for our caution and actions. Because of the pandemic, fewer youth have joined our Movement. To welcome new members and their families, we must demonstrate that we are safe and are concerned with the health of all. The success of the Scouting program depends on conducting regular meetings and activities in a safe and responsible way.

As always, please be mindful of the Scout Oath and Law as we continue to navigate a safe return to the activities we enjoy.

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