



## **COVID-19 "At-Risk" Participant Statement**

Your safety and the safety of all our members, volunteers, and employees is the Sam Houston Area Council's top priority. While there is still much uncertainty regarding COVID-19, we are monitoring the information provided by health experts and government agencies to help keep safe those who choose to come to participate in Scouting activities.

Our mitigation plan includes:

- Pre-attendance education,
- Health screening conducted by your family prior to travel to our activity, including a temperature check.
- Health screening upon your arrival at the activity conducted by our health officers, which will also include a temperature check.
- Anyone displaying symptoms of COVID-19 will not be allowed to stay at activities. They will be sent home.
- Limitations on visitors.
  - Visitors are limited to dropping off and picking up Scouts.
- Scouts who begin to display symptoms of COVID-19 during the day will be separated from the rest of the class. A parent/unit leader will be notified and must come up to pick the Scout up.
- Hygiene reminders while at activities.
- Handwashing /sanitizer stations.
- Cleaning and disinfecting high-touch surfaces and shared program equipment.

These precautions are important, but these efforts cannot eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness while at Scouting activities. Experts have said that people with COVID-19 may show no signs or symptoms of illness, but can still spread the virus, and people may be contagious before their symptoms occur. The fact is, that someone with COVID-19 may pass the required health screenings and be allowed to participate.

We also know the very nature of Scouting activities makes social distancing difficult in many situations and impossible in others.

Information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. *If you are in this group, please ensure you have approval from your health care provider prior to attending a Scouting activity.*

Every staff member, volunteer, and Scouting family has to evaluate their unique circumstances and make an informed decision before attending Scouting activities. We hope this information will be helpful as you make that choice.