



PACK 55 IN-PERSON GATHERING PROTOCOLS

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Pack 55 recognizes the importance of both engaging scouts with in-person learning opportunities, and maintaining public health through rigorous COVID-19 guidelines. To this end, in-person gatherings of any size have not been promoted by Pack 55 since March 13, 2020. Pack 55 leadership has been continually monitoring our ability to return to in-person gatherings ***safely and responsibly***. Given the improving trends in local COVID-19 case count and positivity rates, Pack 55 is prepared to allow ***dens*** (maximum of 10 people, including leaders, adults and scouts) to regather in-person, in outdoor spaces, and utilizing prescribed social distancing and risk-mitigation protocols as outlined below. For larger dens, or where the number of participants will exceed 10 people, you will need to meet in phases or hold multiple meetings (e.g., scheduled back to back, minimize group interaction during transition). While this is not ideal and we recognize this poses scheduling challenges, the current State of Texas and Scouts BSA in-person regathering guidance reference a 10 person gathering limit, and so this cannot be exceeded at this time. Further revisions to group size restrictions will be made and communicated to Pack 55 families as appropriate. Overnight camping as a pack or Webelos den is still not authorized. Additional in-person gathering protocols for the proposed November 7th Pack 55 Field Day will be announced ahead of that event.

Participation in any in-person den or pack activities is ***optional***; a decision to participate should be left to the individual families. Higher risk Individuals and those with underlying health conditions should not take part in any in-person gatherings. Den leaders should strive to continue making reasonable rank advancement accommodations for scouts unable or unwilling to attend in-person den activities. Scouting at Home remains a viable option for those families who desire to do so. These in-person gathering protocols take effect October 6, 2020 and will remain in effect until further notice. These in-person protocols have been developed in concert with available CDC, State of Texas, Boy Scouts of America/Sam Houston Area Council and Chartered Organization (St. John the Divine) guidance on community standards and protocols. These protocols represent the minimum standards for Pack 55 in-person gatherings; additional safety measures/protocols may be implemented beyond these minimum protocols on an as-needed basis. Compliance with these requirements is **mandatory**. Non-compliance with these guidelines may necessitate a return to virtual-only gatherings. All questions should be directed to pcc@pack55.org.

Pre-Meeting Checklist:

- Communicate to all parents and youth the following points:
 - In-person, small group gatherings **will not** exceed 10 people, inclusive of adult leaders, accompanying guardians and scouts; no siblings or additional adults are permitted to attend
 - In-person, small group gatherings **will** be held outdoors, utilize 6 ft minimum social distancing, require all participants (scouts and adults) to wear face coverings over the nose and mouth at all times

- In-person, small group gathering participation is not required for rank advancement; virtual engagement and Scouting-at-Home remain acceptable options.
 - Safe and Responsible in-person, small group gatherings do not equal risk-free gatherings; the Boy Scouts of America recommends that no one in the higher-risk category take part in in-person gatherings
- Communicate that anyone who feels sick must stay home. If you become sick or develop symptoms, isolate yourself then go home and seek care.
- Communicate that in-person meeting participants are responsible for providing their own personal protective equipment (face mask) and for bringing sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant for use at the in-person meetings and activities
- Educate and train all participants on appropriate social distancing, cleaning and disinfecting, hand hygiene and respiratory (cough or sneeze) etiquette before meeting for the first time.
- Provide participating scout(s) and adult with the **Pack 55 COVID-19 Self-Check Health Screening Form** - this form is required for all in-person den meetings, and should be completed at each event.
- Before attending, using the **Pack 55 COVID-19 Self-Check Health Screening Form**, all in-person meeting participants should self-screen for any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19, and if any of these conditions are present, they should not attend:
- Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Chills
 - Repeated shaking with chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Diarrhea
 - Feeling feverish or having a temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
 - Known close contact with a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19
- Communicate that those who take part in person should avoid contact with higher-risk individuals for 14 days after the in-person event.

In-Meeting Checklist:

- Ensure the maximum group size is 10 (adults and scouts) and that only participants that have undergone self pre-screening and screening upon arrival can engage with the small group. Scouting's Barriers to Abuse always apply.
- Ensure the following guidelines are adhered to by all in-person meeting participants:
- In-person, small group gatherings will not exceed 10 people, inclusive of adult leaders, accompanying guardians and scouts; no siblings or additional adults are permitted to attend
 - In-person, small group gatherings will be held outdoors, utilize 6 ft minimum social distancing, require all participants (scouts and adults) to wear face coverings over the nose and mouth at all times
- Ensure collection of the **Pack 55 COVID-19 Self-Check Health Screening Form**. These forms must be transmitted (electronically or hardcopies) to pcc@pack55.org within 24 hours of the in-person gathering.
- Upon arrival and before joining the in-person gathering, all in-person meeting participants should again self-screen for any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of

possible COVID-19, and if any of these conditions are present, or there is any uncertainty that conditions are present, scout/guardian should leave the premises immediately:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Feeling feverish or having a temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
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If an outdoor space on the St. John the Divine campus is being utilized for the in-person meeting, the ***St. John the Divine Visitor Self-Declaration*** form must also be filled out by in-person meeting attendees and collected by the Den Leader. Den Leaders are required to keep a written record of the in-person meeting participants in order to facilitate contact tracing should a COVID-19 case occur among the group participants; Visitor Self-Declaration forms must be transmitted (electronically or hardcopies) to pcc@pack55.org within 24 hours of the in-person gathering.

Hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant must be readily available for use at the in-person meetings and activities - meeting attendees should provide their own

Avoid the use of common areas or shared tools/materials. Utilize disposable or self-contained (each scout/guardian pair touches and keeps) materials for activities.

No communal food or drink is allowed; individual scout/guardians can bring their own food and drink (for hikes, etc.)

Post-Meeting Checklist:

Den Leaders must transmit the ***Pack 55 COVID-19 Self-Check Health Screening Form*** and/or the ***St. John the Divine Visitor Self-Declaration*** (electronically or hardcopies) to pcc@pack55.org within 24 hours of the in-person gathering.

All participants should avoid contact with higher risk individuals for 14 days after the in-person gathering

All participants must self-monitor for potential COVID-19 symptoms for 14 days after the event.

All participants must communicate immediately with your den leader and pack leadership (pcc@pack55.org) should symptoms develop



We are following all recommendations and guidelines to protect our facilities and everyone on our campus from the COVID-19 pandemic. In an effort to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure to all St. John the Divine visitors and guests, all visitors must complete the following screening questions:

Date: _____ **Activity/Event:** _____

Visitor/Participant Name: _____

Phone: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Check here if under 18 years of age

Self-Declaration by Visitor		
	YES	NO
Have you had close contact with or cared for someone diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 14 days?		
Have you experienced any cold or flu-like symptoms in the last 14 days (fever, cough, shortness of breath or other respiratory problem)?		

COVID-19 is a highly contagious disease and is known to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. By attending any event/activity at The Church of St. John the Divine, you agree to abide by the procedures established by the church to protect attendees, staff, and volunteers, and you voluntarily assume the risk that you and/or your family may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19. You agree to assume all the risks of attendance and participation for you and your family, and you waive any liability against the church and any other parties.

Signature: _____

(To be signed by parent/guardian if the participant is under 18 years of age)

Date: _____



PACK 55 COVID-19 SELF-CHECK HEALTH SCREENING FORM

To be completed by all Pack 55 in-person attendees, at every in-person event.

Participant's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Adult (non-leader) Adult Leader Scout

In the past 24-48 hours, has the participant experienced any of these symptoms?:

Screening Before Arrival

Time: _____

Date: _____

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Feeling feverish or having a temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Known close contact with a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19

If **yes** to any of the above, then do not attend in-person meeting.

Signature of Screener (parent, leader, self)

Screening Upon Arrival

Time: _____

Date: _____

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
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- Muscle pain
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- Known close contact with a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19

If **yes** to any of the above, then do not attend in-person meeting. Depart the premises immediately. .

Signature of Screener (parent, leader, self)

REFERENCES:

State of Texas: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/opentexas.aspx> - Youth Clubs, accessed October 4, 2020

National Boy Scouts of America:

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-693.pdf>

Sam Houston Area Council: <https://shac.org/covid-19> - accessed October 4, 2020

Centers for Disease Control:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/considerations-for-events-gatherings.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fcommunity%2Flarge-events%2Fmass-gatherings-ready-for-covid-19.html - Accessed October 4, 2020