



Connecticut Yankee Council COVID-19 Guidelines

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Due to the increase in prevalence of COVID-19 in our communities, Connecticut Yankee Council is adopting the following guidelines, effective January 1, 2022.

COVID-19 vaccines currently approved or authorized by FDA are effective in preventing serious outcomes of COVID-19, including severe disease, hospitalization, and death. A COVID-19 vaccination is currently recommended for everyone five years of age and older in the United States for the prevention of COVID-19.

General Guidance

- It is the policy of the Council that Face masks **will be worn** by everyone in attendance during meetings or other indoor events. This applies to every person, youth and adult, vaccinated and unvaccinated.
- Face masks should not be worn in or near water, while eating, or while sleeping. Proper social distancing should be maintained in those circumstances.
- Each member should Be Prepared and have clean and dry face masks available to wear.
- Units and members must follow any additional guidelines imposed by local municipalities or health departments, building operators, or chartered organizations.
- The BSA “Model Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist” has been updated, effective January 1, 2022. Everyone should use this checklist prior to beginning each activity.
- Unit leaders must report, within 12 hours, confirmed or strongly suspected cases of any communicable disease infections, including COVID-19, occurring during or within 48 hours after a unit meeting or activity, to camping@ctyankee.org. Unit leaders **are also required** to promptly notify adult leaders and parents of all scouts who participated in the activity, as well as the unit’s Chartered Organization Representative.

Overnight Camping

- Cabins are available for program use by units, 24/7.
- Connecticut Yankee Council **strongly advises against** group (congregate) sleeping inside cabins or other indoor locations.
- The Council recommends that unit overnight camping be limited to tent and lean-to sites.
- Masks will be worn by everyone when indoors. This applies to every person, youth and adult, vaccinated and unvaccinated.
- While it is recommended to sleep one person per tent, it is acceptable to camp with a maximum of two people per tent. Parental permission must be obtained by the unit leader for any youth members sharing a tent.
- When sharing a tent or lean-to, individuals should sleep no closer than 6 feet from one another. Individuals sleeping next to one another or in bunk beds should be arranged to sleep head-to-toe.
- Any member using a CPAP machine **must not** share a tent or lean-to with other members.

Connecticut Yankee Council will review these guidelines no less than once every 30 days and make adjustments as appropriate.