

scouting activities under level 2 regulations



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what is our objective?

- To allow safe, face to face Scouting, while ensuring:
 - the safety of our members and their families
 - the safety of our leaders from possible legal action
- This means not necessarily doing all that the national regulations could permit, but rather acting in the best interest of our members.

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the reality

- Until an approved vaccine has been found, social distancing is here to stay and we need to embrace it and lead by example.
- These circumstances provide us with a “learning by doing” opportunity, to understand that if social distancing is practised strictly, we could return to some form of normality in the near future.

the basis of our approach...

All our preventative rules are based on the 3D's

- **Dosage**
 - Limiting exposure to the virus – wear masks, limit time in closer proximity, proper sanitising before and after activities.
- **Distance**
 - Keep a physical distance of 2m between people, tracking participation so that if an infection is detected we can inform and proactively notify who has been exposed.
- **Dispersal**
 - Keeping it outdoors or in well ventilated spaces with good sunlight exposure.

some overarching rules from the national regulations for this level

- No gathering of more than 50 participants (including adults and youth).
- No participation in any event by any person not feeling well.
- Every participant to complete a personal declaration and screening questionnaire (including temperature measurement).
- Sanitising facilities to be available at all activities (hand sanitiser or soap and water).

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SSCI recommends

Scouters or parents who are:

- over the age of 60, or
- immune compromised, or
- suffering from acute respiratory conditions, diabetes, high blood pressure or heart disease,

should not participate in face to face activities.

how do we keep it safe for our members...

- Focus on small group activities within groups of the 50 participants limit:
 - Meerkats: 1 Adult : 2 Meerkats
 - Cubs: 1 Adult : 4 Cubs
 - Scouts: 1 Adult : 8 Scouts
 - Youth-led activities: Warranted Scouter to brief in advance on rules.
- Activities require a warranted Scouter as usual, but other Adults can be parents or other volunteers.

where can we meet?

- Meetings may only take place at:
 - Sports grounds and fields
 - Swimming pools
 - Beaches
 - Public parks
 - Museums
 - Private residences (limit of 10 visiting participants applies)
 - Schools
 - Churches
- Under current regulations **meetings may not take place** at halls. SSA has applied to the Department of Sport and Recreation to be allowed to operate in halls. This approval is still pending. Once this is granted we will issue the agreed rules for their usage.

what should we do at meetings or activities?

- Outdoor activities wherever possible.
- Opening and closing ceremonies allowed but shorter than 15 minutes, with the fundamental social distancing rules in place.
- NO contact games / sports are allowed.
- Campfires with shouting / singing are not allowed
 - even with masks and social distancing.
- All meetings/activities should have an appropriate COVID-19 briefing to remind participants of the rules and what to do if they develop symptoms. Remember that asymptomatic spread is real and people are infectious for up to 2 days before showing symptoms.

required safety plans

- SSA will provide a template for Groups to develop their safety plans from.
- Compliance Officer will be:
 - Groups: SGL or Senior Scouter
 - Crews: SGL, RS or Chair
 - Training Courses: Course Director
- Compliance Officer:
 - Ensures compliance with this policy for activities.
 - May sign off the safety plan for the units.
- The DCs are responsible to ensure that the Compliance Officer has a safety plan in place.

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required safety plan elements

- The appointed Adult Member will:
 - Be equipped with a non-contact thermometer, bottle of hand sanitizer and bottle of diluted bleach with cloth.
 - Spray the hands of all attendees with hand sanitizer.
 - Ensure that all persons joining the meeting/activity are screened.
 - This will include having your temperature taken with a non-contact thermometer. If a temperature reading of more than 37.4C is recorded, you will be sent home to self-isolate.
- For youth-led activities, the Youth Leader must brief the Compliance Officer on the activity and shall follow any guidelines issued by the Compliance Officer in compliance with this policy.



required safety plan elements

- Venue and equipment:
 - Equipment to be sanitised every 4 hours.
- Delivery and collection:
 - Delivery and collection of youth to be staggered as much as reasonably possible. Social distancing rules in place for parents dropping off.
 - Vulnerable parents to avoid exposure at these times.
- Transport:
 - Volunteers should not transport anyone outside of their direct family members in their vehicles.

campsites

- Overnight Scouting activities not permitted, unless under exceptional circumstances.
 - Campsites are accommodation and opened under Government regulations at 50% occupancy.
 - Members and third parties may use the accommodation facilities for non-Scouting activities and use the dormitories or houses for accommodation. Only families may share accommodation. If tented accommodation is used, only one family may use the ablutions for the period of stay.
 - Open to Scout members only for day visits or activities.
 - Increase ablution cleaning; and Limited users at the same time.
 - The warden of the campsite is the Compliance Officer and must ensure compliance with the safety plans.
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what about regional activities?

- These are permitted under the regulations of the adult-youth ratio above.
- Small Group (Patrol focussed).
- Distributed activities and limited congregations if these cannot be avoided.
- The activity leader prepares the safety plan. Its implementation is to be overseen by the RC and approved by the CC.

what happens if a member tests positive?

- Compliance Officer will:
 - Contact and notify all members on tracking records.
 - Notify the venue where the activity was held.
- Notify the RC who will advise the CC and CEO.

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when do these come into effect

We will be putting the rules out, including any feedback from tonight's call, on Monday 31 August 2020 and they will be in effect from 1 September 2020 until further notice.

clarification questions?

Please put any question in the chat and we will address them one at a time.

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in short...

We can do Scouting safely and protect our members' and volunteers' health and legal standing.

But it requires us to follow the rules and work together.

We will be revising these as the national regulations are revised.

