

# COVID-19 Pre-Camp Medical Guidance

MAY 28, 2020 UPDATE (CHANGES ARE HIGHLIGHTED)

Camp Geiger is preparing its summer program for 2020 with diligence and an extraordinary emphasis on health and safety. COVID-19 has necessitated many changes and adaptations to our program. We have eliminated the first two sessions of camp to allow for additional disease mitigation by delaying the start of camp two weeks. (An additional session has been added to the end of the camping season). For the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, there will be no Tribal Feast this year.

In 2020, unlike any previous year, we need to be able to more severely screen those coming in to camp. There will be special screening procedures in place when your Scouts and Leaders arrive at camp. You will receive that information in another information bulletin.

In order to maximize Scout and Leader safety, this year, there will be a **no visitor policy** at camp so that people present in camp are limited to those who have been screened as medically safe to be present. This means that there will also be **no visitor attendance** at the Wednesday night campfire and **no public attendance** at Thursday night tapping ceremony. Should circumstances warrant a relaxation of this policy, you will be notified.

We recognize that even the most severe efforts at mitigation will not eliminate the possibility of the Coronavirus being present at Camp Geiger. We anticipate that COVID-19 will likely be present in as diverse a population as Scouts coming in from various locations, and therefore the following policies are in effect.

- No Scout or Leader who currently has a COVID-19 infection may attend camp.
- No Scout or Leader who has had COVID-19 *within 3 weeks* of the day of his/her arrival at camp may attend without producing a lab report showing *either* a negative FDA approved COVID-19 PCR test *or* a lab report showing that the person is *positive* for COVID-19 IgG antibodies and *negative* for COVID-19 IgM antibodies. Anyone who has had *close contact* with individuals who are presently in 14 day isolation/quarantine are also prohibited from attending.
- Scouts or Leaders currently demonstrating significant cough and/or fever (100.4° or greater) may not attend camp unless they have tested negative for COVID-19 with an FDA approved PCR test.
- Scouts who have had a diarrheal illness within one week of camp should not attend. (Coronavirus can be shed in fecal material.)
- All Scouts must have a current BSA Health and Medical form with parts A, B, and C complete. This year, extra diligence is needed. Therefore, Scouts with any of the following should have parents discuss with the Scout's physician whether attendance at camp is safe for them:
  - Asthma,
  - Chronic pulmonary problems,
  - Heart disease (structural or functional),
  - Blood disorders,
  - Diabetes,
  - Kidney or liver disease,
  - Weakened immune systems.



- If you have a Scout whose medical status may be questionable, please do not ignore this possibility and we request you contact us for additional guidance on such a case. We may require additional information from the Scout's physician beyond that which is normally provided in the standard BSA Health form.
- Be aware that Scouts or Leaders who develop fever or significant cough or other concerning symptoms during camp, for which an absolute cause cannot be determined, **will be required** to go home, regardless of distance, as Camp Geiger has limited ability to provide sustained isolation and no ability to test for COVID-19 while a Scout or Leader is camped. You **must** be prepared to take this action if it becomes necessary.
- Leaders are asked not to attend camp this year if they are part of a "high risk" group. This includes age greater than 65 years or any of the conditions listed on the previous page for youth. Such a leader is at a significantly greater risk of a poor outcome if he or she contracts COVID-19. If such a Leader still elects to attend despite our recommendation, he or she assumes **all responsibility and liability** for any adverse outcome at camp due to attending with those risk factors, and against our recommendation.
- Camp Geiger may require units to provide additional tentage for Scouts and Leaders beyond what is normally available at camp if more stringent social distancing is required during the session your unit comes to camp. You will be advised if that is the case, but be prepared for it.
- Camp Geiger may be unable to provide special accommodations for handicapped or disabled Scouts in the manner we traditionally have, due to staffing limitations. Please contact us ahead of time, and directly, regarding any special needs Scouts.
- And finally, the timetable for which Troops will attend camp is in constant review and updating. We are working with units to be as accommodating as possible. Even so, if the county of a Troop coming to Geiger is in an earlier phase of "opening up" than are Andrew and Buchanan counties (where Geiger is located), we may not be able to allow that Troop to come to Camp Geiger. The term "phase" refers to the gating and phasing guidelines of the White House and CDC.
- These policies are subject to change and revision at any time, without notice, if mandated by local or state health departments or governmental authorities or the Boy Scouts of America.

**If you have additional questions regarding these policies for 2020, please contact Alan Franks, Scout Executive, at our Council office at 816-233-1351.**

If you have a specific **medical** question, you may contact me via email at this address: **tim.murphy@mymc.com**.

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