

## 33rd Kerrisdale Scout Group - COVID-19 Protocols

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### Objective

To create a set of regulations and protocols (in accordance with the Scouts Canada “Pandemic Program Standards” and the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control Guidelines, as mandated by the Provincial Health Officer) which will ensure the safety of both members and leaders during outdoor activities.

In this document, “activity” will be defined as any action or meeting involving registered members or those eligible for membership, attending any gathering for the purposes of Scouting within or outside of Canada.<sup>1</sup>

### Scouts Canada Guidelines<sup>2</sup>

- The Two-Scouter Rule must always be maintained.
- The Scouter-to-Youth Ratio (1:8) must always be maintained for in-person activities.
- For all in-person activities, the following requirements must be adhered to:
  - Physical Distancing
    - There is no gathering limit, but outdoor activities in small groups are preferred.
    - Non-medical face masks are strongly recommended to be worn, unless an underlying health condition prevents face coverings from being worn.

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<sup>1</sup> All information henceforth pertaining to Scouts Canada COVID-19 Regulations is from their website: “Pandemic Program Modification Standards for Stage 5,” Scouts Canada, accessed March 21st, 2022, <https://www.scouts.ca/resources/bpp/policies/pandemic-program-and-activity-modifications-stage-5.html>.

<sup>2</sup> All information pertaining to Scouts Canada regarding COVID-19 is in accordance with BC Provincial Health Guidelines. A section dedicated to BC Guidelines is omitted for the sake of repetition.

- However, the Group Commissioner may implement a mandatory mask rule for a planned activity.
  - The 33rd Kerrisdale Scout Group reserves the right to dismiss a youth/parent from an activity should they refuse to wear a mask.
  - Minimise physical contact (unless required for an emergency).
- Cleaning and Hygiene
  - Hand-washing stations and/or Alcohol Based Hand Sanitizer with a minimum 60% alcohol concentration will be made available.
  - Shared objects should be limited, or the objects should be thoroughly cleaned between use.
- Screening
  - All participants must be provided a self-assessment/screening checklist to perform screening of their children or themselves before attending the planned Scouting activity.
  - Scouters, parents or guardians, and youth must not attend activities if feeling unwell or showing symptoms of COVID-19.
  - All persons ordered (or in contact with someone who has been ordered to) quarantine or self-isolate under a Public Health Order are prohibited from attending a Scouting activity.
  - If a person develops symptoms while participating in a Scouting activity the Scouter-in-Charge must follow the “Supporting a Symptomatic Person Guideline” and must complete and submit a Safe Scouting form (safety incident) to Safe Scouting following the Incident Management Procedure.

- For the purposes of contact tracing, attendance and screening results may be recorded for anyone attending the activity. Records must be maintained for a minimum of 6 weeks following the activity.
- Emergency Response and Risk Management
  - Hazard identification and risk assessment is conducted for the activity location and planned activity (local conditions, municipal pandemic requirements, etc. will be passed to parents via weekly message/email.)
- Food Provision
  - Eliminate or minimise food provision for meetings.
  - No self-serve buffet-style meals.
  - Food or drink sharing is prohibited.
- Overnight Camping
  - Camping is allowed if permitted by local regulations. The Scouter-in-Charge must submit a document outlining that all requirements of the Pandemic Program and Activity Modification Standards have been met and can be maintained.
  - Sharing of tents within patrols is permitted; if patrol separation cannot be guaranteed, then all overnight accommodation to be conducted individually in tents.
  - Camping in tents and shelters are preferred; however, large buildings/halls cannot be used for overnight accommodation.
  - Overnight camping should be considered after rigorous review of risks.
- Approvals

- The Scouter-in-Charge must submit a Modified Adventure Application Form  
<https://scoutsca.s3.amazonaws.com/2019/10/adventure-application-form.pdf> for all activities.
- The Group Commissioner may approve one application form for multiple activities in the same location, including multiple days, if they are satisfied that the risk conditions and risk controls are not materially different from the initial discussions, verification and approval.

### 33rd K.C. Scout Group - Specific Guidelines

Items in this section are mandated by the 33rd Kerrisdale Scout Group, and will be implemented during every outdoor activity.

- Masks are strongly recommended for every Scouter, youth, parent/guardian, and volunteer for the duration of the activity. Exceptions are given to persons with underlying health conditions which requires the person to not wear a mask.
  - Members, Volunteers, and Scouters are encouraged to bring their own masks.
    - Homemade/Cloth face masks are adequate for meetings.
    - Face masks must be properly fitted, and must stay on for the entire duration of the meeting.
  - Gloves and face shields are not required but *highly recommended* for Scouters.
  - As mentioned above, the 33rd Kerrisdale Scout Group reserves the right to dismiss a youth/parent from an activity should they refuse to wear a mask.
- Parents and youth must declare their Vaccination Status on their MyScouts dashboard. Failure to declare will result in a temporary removal from in-person meetings.

- Parents and youth who choose not to receive a COVID-19 vaccine will not be allowed to attend in-person meetings.
- Parents who choose not to receive a COVID-19 vaccine will not be permitted to wait for their child during indoor in-person meetings.
- Before outdoor meetings, Scouters-in-Charge may use a non-contact thermometer to check each youth's temperature. Any youth with a temperature over 37.6 degrees Celsius will be required to return home.
- Sanitizer may be dispensed by a Scouter to each youth before, during (when appropriate), and after the activity.
- Permission forms will be signed and collected online.
- Updates regarding potential cases pertaining to the Group/special instructions for an outing will be sent via email.
  - It will be each Section's responsibility to report persons with COVID-19 symptoms to the Group Commissioner, who will then update both the Group's website and social media page.

#### Following the Event that a Person Contracts COVID-19

- The person must send an email to their home leader (Colony: Scouter Charlie; Pack: Scouter Sarah; Troop: Scouter Ian (Tiger Patrol); Scouter Martin (Wolf Patrol); Scouter Jian (Stag Patrol); Scouter David (Fox Patrol); Scouter Andrew (Cougar Patrol); Company: Scouter Nelson) indicating the time symptoms started, and if they attended any in-person Scouting events with their cohort.

- The person(s) will be required to self-isolate (and/or get tested for COVID-19) for 5 days if fully vaccinated OR under the age of 18, or 10 days if not fully vaccinated AND over the age of 18, in accordance with BC Provincial Health Guidelines.
  - It is also recommended to take a COVID-19 Rapid Test until negative for at least 3 consecutive days.
- 33rd Scouters will send a message to any of the child's close contacts in the 33rd Group, suggesting them to self-isolate.

#### Weekly Equipment Checklist (for Scouters)

- Protective gear (face mask, face shield, gloves)
- Sanitizing equipment (hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes, non-contact thermometer)
- First Aid Kit
- Pen, Record Check papers, Self-assessment paper
- Phone

#### Outdoor Meeting Procedure

- 15-30 minutes before any given meeting time - Section Scouters arrive at location.
  - During that time, Scouters will set up and designate registration areas, sanitize equipment, prepare for welcoming of youth.
    - Each Section is responsible for their own registration areas.
  - Section Scouters will take each other's temperature. There must be a Scouter-on-Call who will come in should a Scouter feel unwell.
  - Youth may start arriving up to 10 minutes before meeting time. Members are reminded to use the washroom before attending outdoor meetings or outings.

### Self-assessment/Screening Checklist

- Have you been outside Canada in the past 14 days?
- Have you tested positive for COVID-19 or had close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19?
- In the past week have you experienced one of the following symptoms?
  - Fever
  - Worsening cough
  - Shortness of of breath
  - Difficulty Breathing
  - Sore Throat
  - Difficulty Swallowing
  - Decrease or loss of sense of taste or smell
  - Chills
  - Headaches
  - Unexplained Fatigue
  - Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain
  - Pink eye
  - Runny nose/nasal congestion

### Contact

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email your section leader (Colony: [charlie.ng@scout33.org](mailto:charlie.ng@scout33.org), Pack: [sarah.wong@scout33.org](mailto:sarah.wong@scout33.org), Troop: [ian.henderson@scout33.org](mailto:ian.henderson@scout33.org), Company: [nelson.fu@scout33.org](mailto:nelson.fu@scout33.org), Crew: [nathan.kwok@scout33.org](mailto:nathan.kwok@scout33.org)). For any issues pertaining to the Group, please email [leaders@scout33.org](mailto:leaders@scout33.org).