

Current Guidelines for the Wearing of Masks in Public

The Delta variant has become the dominant strain within our council boundaries as well as the whole country. This is concerning as the Delta variant has been shown to spread easily among those who are unvaccinated. Even those who are vaccinated, the Delta variant is more infectious and transmittable. It is for these reasons that the CDC has released updated guidance. The CDC is recommending everyone wear a mask in public indoor spaces, even if they are vaccinated, in areas of substantial or high transmission.

Here is the recent statement from National BSA regarding safety.

The safety of our Scouts, volunteers, employees, and community continues to be our top priority. We must continue our vigilance to assure that our youth and their families are safe while they enjoy the many benefits of Scouting.

We continue to follow the guidance from expert agencies and follow the measures that have become second nature to many - hand hygiene, masks, distancing, meeting in cohorts and remaining at home if you have symptoms or feel bad.

We encourage everyone to consult with their physician and get vaccinated. It is our best hope for returning to normalcy in our Scouting family.

The critical need of today is for all to understand the rationale for our caution and actions. Because of the pandemic, fewer youth have joined our Movement. To welcome new members and their families, we must demonstrate that we are safe and are concerned with the health of all. The success of the Scouting program depends on conducting regular meetings and activities in a safe and responsible way.

As always, please be mindful of the Scout Oath and Law as we continue to navigate a safe return to the activities we enjoy.

Based on the CDC guidance and the National BSA statement, the Risk Management committee of the LaSalle Council recommends the council policy that all participants attending an indoor meeting, activity, or event on the unit, district, or council level wear a face covering at all times. Units are continually encouraged to work with their chartered partner on meeting guidelines.

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