

Hawkeye Area Council COVID-19 “At-Risk” Camp Property Participant Statement

Your safety and the safety of all our members, volunteers, and employees is the Hawkeye Area Council’s top priority. While there is still much uncertainty regarding COVID 19, we are monitoring the information provided by health experts and government agencies to help keep safe those who choose to come to camp this summer.

First, our council health supervisor, physician Nancy Serrot, is coordinating with state and local health departments to ensure we are informed of and comply with their guidance to mitigate the risks of COVID-19 being contracted at the Howard H. Cherry Scout Reservation.

Our mitigation plan includes:

- Normal public buildings will be CLOSED during your stay, including shower house(s), restrooms, & common eating areas. A latrine will be provided in your campsite that has potable water.
- Campsites are limited to six people unless they are from the same household.
- Hygiene reminders throughout camp
- Extra hand washing/sanitizer stations throughout camp
- Dedicated staff to clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces and, if applicable, shared program equipment prior to and after your stay
- A response plan that includes isolation and mandatory removal of anyone at camp who develop symptoms of COVID-19 or other communicable disease.

These precautions are important, but these efforts cannot eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness while at camp. Experts have said that people with COVID-19 may show no signs or symptoms of illness, but can still spread the virus, and people may be contagious before their symptoms occur. The fact is that someone with COVID-19 may pass still enter camp, despite any prior testing or checkups. **By reserving a camp site or registering for an on-site program, the registrant acknowledges the potential risk of exposure.**

Information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. *If you are in this group, please ensure you have approval from your health care provider prior to attending the camp property.*

Every staff member, volunteer, and Scouting family must evaluate their unique circumstances and make an informed decision before attending camp. We hope this information will be helpful as you make that choice.

Print First & Last Name

Date

Signature