Sea Base, BSA Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update, 3/19/2020

Statement
Sea Base (SBASE) is closely monitoring information provided by Center for Disease Control (CDC), Florida Department of Health, Monroe County Department of Health and Monroe County Emergency Management regarding COVID-19.

Currently there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Florida Keys. Please visit Monroe County Emergency Management (click here) for real-time information.

In accordance with latest CDC Guidelines (15 Days to Flatten the Curve) the Sea Base will not operate programs effective March 21st through April 2nd. The decision was made with the safety of participants in mind and to follow CDC guidelines”.

We know that you, your Scouts, leaders and parents have planned many months for your Sea Base adventure and we want to deliver a safe and high quality program. To that end, we are adding new fall 2020 programs, expanding Holiday 2020 programs and adding additional summer 2020 programs. Your point of contact for rescheduling is Andrea Watts, Sea Base Registrar - please contact her at Andrea.Watts@Scouting.org.

At this point all BSA High Adventure Bases are planning to operate in the summer of 2020. Please check the Seabase website at www.bsaseabase.org for updates. Updated program dates can be also be found at www.bsaseabase.org/reservations.

For Crews scheduled to arrive in April, the Sea Base will review CDC guidelines and recommendations and determine if program operation can be conducted within those guidelines and Crews will be contacted one week prior to their scheduled arrival.

If a Crew cannot attend their scheduled spring 2020 program, we will reschedule those Crews in the summer of 2020, fall/winter of 2020 (with expanded program dates) and 2021.

Crews who have been advised not to travel by their local health or state health departments may reschedule beginning on Monday 3/16/2020 by contacting Andrea Watts at andrea.watts@scouting.org.

Precautions While Traveling (CDC)
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean your hands often by washing them with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains 60%–95% alcohol. Soap and water should be used if hands are visibly dirty.
  - It is especially important to clean hands after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose.
- Sanitize vehicles before travel, particularly rental fleet vehicles, using CDC prescribed methods.
Airline travel to Sea Base

What is the risk of contracting COVID-19 on an airplane? According to CDC:

- Because of how air circulates and is filtered on airplanes, most viruses and other germs do not spread easily on airplanes. Although the risk of infection on an airplane is low, travelers should try to avoid contact with sick passengers and wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer that contain 60%–95% alcohol.

Sea Base Requirements

Beginning today; Sea Base will require units to complete a BSA PRE-Event Medical Screening Checklist for each participant, youth and adult, and submit upon arrival.

- Individuals who cannot pass recommendations provided by the medical screening must not travel to Sea Base and will not be permitted to remain onsite.
- Individuals with severe chronic medical conditions should not travel to Sea Base.
- Individuals who pass but have returned from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy or Japan in the last 1-14 days must not travel to Sea Base unless they been tested for and been cleared of COVID-19. Persons without a test will not be permitted to remain onsite.
- Individuals who have knowingly come into contact with someone who has or is suspected to have COVID-19 in the last 1-14 days must not travel to Sea Base unless they been tested for and cleared of COVID-19. Persons without a test will not be permitted to remain onsite.
- Upon arrival every participant will be screened for fever using a thermometer. Persons with a fever will be sent to a physician.
- Individuals arriving with or contracting an illness at SBASE will be sent to a medical doctor for treatment and testing. Persons with contagious colds or communicable diseases will not be permitted to remain onsite.
- Each individual must travel to SBASE with sufficient hand sanitizer for the duration of their adventure, keep it on their person except when in the water, and use it frequently.

Sea Base Action/Response Plan

Beginning today; Sea Base has affected the following protocols:

- COVID-19 specific staff training of all full-time and seasonal staff.
- Deep clean and sanitation of all facilities, vessels and vehicles including:
  - Offices
  - Common Areas
  - Dormitories
  - Restrooms and Shower Facilities
  - Food Service Facilities
  - Motor and Sailing Vessels
  - Vans, Cars, Trucks
- Ongoing requirements and processes for cleaning and sanitizing all areas of operation.
- Transportation requirements including:
  - Sanitation of each vehicle following each use.
  - Switching AC controls to “outside” ventilation.
  - Requiring drivers to open windows before, during and after transport.
- Signs and Education:
  - Staff presentation of proper handwashing and sanitation during check-in.
  - Florida Department of Health COVID-19 signs placed.
- Hand Sanitation:
  - SBASE has installed an increased number of hand sanitizers.
  - Hand sanitizer is required aboard every vehicle and vessel.
- Mandatory Reporting of Illness:
o Staff are required to self-report personal illness to staff leader. Staff leader is required to call local physician, schedule appointment and send for testing/treatment.

o Staff are required to report suspected illness, participant or staff, to staff leader. Staff leader is required to call local physician, schedule appointment and send for testing/treatment.

- Communication:
  o 3/12/20 All-staff meeting and training.
  o 3/12/20 SBASE COVID-19 Update to Florida Department of Health for review.
  o 3/12/20 SBASE COVID-19 Update to BSA ERM, ACSE.
  o 3/13/20 email to incoming 2020 crews; updates as necessary, timeline TBD.
  o 3/13/20 social media post; updates as necessary, timeline TBD.
COVID-19 Coronavirus
Fact Sheet

BACKGROUND
-The Coronavirus, 2019-nCoV, is a new respiratory virus first identified in China.
-Health & Human Services declared a U.S. public health emergency on 1/31/20.

HOW IT SPREADS
-Person-to-person mainly via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes, similar to how influenza is spread. Most often, it happens among close contacts (about 6 feet).
-Currently, there is no vaccine to prevent the Coronavirus infection.

FEELING SICK?
-If you are sick, stay home.
-If you have a fever and severe flu-like symptoms lasting 3–4 days, call your healthcare professional to make arrangements.
-If you are having a medical emergency, call 9-1-1.

MONROE COUNTY
0 Confirmed Cases in the Florida Keys
The threat risk for Monroe County is low.
-Emergency Management will continue to facilitate weekly conference calls with leadership in FDOH Monroe County, partner agencies, and the municipalities.
-Emergency Management and FDOH Monroe County continue to closely monitor the situation and are communicating with and educating healthcare providers and public health partners about the current situation.
-The Monroe County Emergency Operations Center is activated to level-three: heightened monitoring.
-The school board, assisted living facilities, and private care physicians are taking extra precautions.
-Monroe County hospitals have policies and procedures in place for this type of event and are prepared for an influx of patients, if needed.
-Airports and ports are open and operational. Each are taking extra precautions. Major airport hubs and all embarking cruise ship passengers are screened for any communicable illnesses.
-The Port of Key West is being monitored by the local U.S. Coast Guard station. ALL cruise ships that enter the Florida Keys originate from a domestic port. The USCG has authority to deny entry to the port.
-Monroe County and its partners are posting updates on social media as more information becomes available.

TESTING FOR THE VIRUS
-FDOH labs in Miami, Tampa, and Jacksonville have received CDC-issued laboratory test kits for COVID-19 and are prioritizing testing for those with symptoms who had close contact with a confirmed case.
-Testing is also available in Florida by LabCorp. LabCorp is the only commercial laboratory offering testing in Florida at this time. You must meet the criteria to be tested and the test sample must be sent from a physician.

QUESTIONS?
U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
www.cdc.gov

Florida Department of Health (FDOH)
www.flhealth.gov/covid-19
Hotline: 866-779-6121

Monroe County Emergency Management (MCEM)
www.monroecountyem.com
www.fb.com/monroecountybocc
www.twitter.com/monroecounty

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Prevention
Wash your hands well and often to avoid contamination
Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing and discard used tissue
Avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

For more information from Monroe County Emergency Management visit