



Sea Base, BSA Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update, 3/25/2020

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.

Please visit Center for Disease Control ([click here](#)), Florida Department of Health ([click here](#)) and/or Monroe County Emergency Management ([click here](#)) for real-time information.

SBASE 2020 Spring Programs have been cancelled for all units arriving late March through April 5. If your unit has been affected, please contact Andrea Watts at andrea.watts@scouting.org to rebook your adventure for Summer 2020.

For those units who do not find suitable Summer 2020 dates Sea Base will begin offering Fall and Winter 2020 options beginning on April 1. Please contact [Andrea Watts](#) to rebook your adventure.

Crews who are advised not to travel by their local health or state health departments April 5- April 28 may begin rescheduling later in 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. 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:
 - Staff are required to self-report personal illness to staff leader. Staff leader is required to call local physician and schedule appointment.
 - Staff are required to report suspected illness, participant or staff, to staff leader. Staff leader is required to call local physician and schedule appointment.
- Communication:
 - All-staff meetings, trainings and updates.
 - 3/12/20 SBASE COVID-19 Update to Florida Department of Health for review.
 - 3/12/20 SBASE COVID-19 Update to BSA ERM, ACSE.
 - 3/13/20 & 3/24/2020 email to incoming 2020 crews; updates as necessary, timeline TBD.
 - 3/13/20 & 3/25/2020 social media post; updates as necessary, timeline TBD.