



## Sea Base, BSA Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update, 4/1/2020

### 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 30. If your unit has been affected, please view available dates at [www.bsaseabase.org/reservations](http://www.bsaseabase.org/reservations) and contact us at [SeaBase.Events@scouting.org](mailto:SeaBase.Events@scouting.org) to rebook your adventure for Summer 2020.

For those units who do not find suitable Summer 2020 dates Sea Base is now offering Fall and Winter 2020 options for rescheduling. Please view available dates at [www.bsaseabase.org/reservations](http://www.bsaseabase.org/reservations), and email [SeaBase.Events@scouting.org](mailto:SeaBase.Events@scouting.org) when you find a date that suits your unit.

**For SBASE 2020 Summer crews** having difficulty with requirements such as Physicals, Swim Tests, Wilderness First Aid Training: reschedule appointments when new appointment dates become available or facilities reopen. If no rescheduling options come available, contact SBASE two weeks prior to your arrival date. SBASE will coordinate with your unit to determine any alternative options.

At this time, SBASE is planning to operate this summer and will provide updates regarding operation on **April 15<sup>th</sup>, April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup>** or when any decisions are made.

The Sea Base cancellation policy is in effect until further notice. The Sea Base cancellation policy can be found on the website, brochures, and is included here:

Please notify Sea Base immediately if your unit intends to cancel. Early notification may allow Sea Base to rebook your canceled adventure. If Sea Base rebooks the adventure, all fees except for the original \$250 reservation fee will be returned to your unit. Sea Base will not refund any fees to your unit if the adventure is not rebooked. Sea Base does not refund crews for canceled flights or ground transportation. Sea Base strongly recommends trip insurance.

### 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.