Sea Base Statement
The health of participants, staff members, captains, and the communities where we operate are our primary concern. The purpose of this communication is to provide information, convey policies and prepare BSA units to attend Sea Base.

Information found in this communication mirrors “Sea Base COVID-19 Mitigation Plan” which has been submitted to local and state health departments.

Important Note: Precautions cannot fully eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness while at Sea Base. Persons 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. It is possible that someone with COVID-19 may pass the required health screenings and be allowed into camp.

Every staff member, volunteer, and Scouting family must evaluate their unique circumstances and make an informed decision before choosing to attend Sea Base.

Pre-Trek Planning, Unit Screening

- **Know Before You Go:** Units traveling from areas experiencing community spread, at the time of their scheduled arrival, are not eligible to attend Sea Base. Impacted units will be contacted by Sea Base.
- **Know Before You Go:** Due to travel restrictions and community spread, units traveling from Connecticut, Louisiana, New Jersey, or New York are not eligible to attend Sea Base until after July 8, 2020. Crews traveling from those areas, before July 8, will be contacted by Sea Base on or before Friday, May 15, 2020.
- **Required Unit Screening:** Crews must set a date, 1-2 days prior to travel, to complete the newly required BSA Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist. The document must be submitted upon arrival.
- **Illness Restrictions:** Sick individuals are not eligible to attend Sea Base.
- **Temperature Restrictions:** Individuals with elevated temperatures, above 100.4, are not eligible to attend Sea Base.
- **Illness/Temperature Restrictions Impacting Crews:** Crews arriving with (1) or more participants who are sick or have an elevated temperature will be sent to a physician for treatment/testing. If (1) or more members of the crew test positive for a communicable illness/disease, including COVID-19, the crew will not be permitted to remain onsite.
- **Chronic Medical Conditions:** Individuals with serious, chronic, medical conditions should seek medical advice from their physician prior to attending Sea Base.
- **Travel Restrictions:** Participants who have traveled outside of the continental United States in the last 1-14 days are not eligible to attend Sea Base unless they have been tested for and cleared of COVID-19.
- **Exposure Restrictions:** Participants who have been exposed to COVID-19 in the last 1-14 days are not eligible to attend Sea Base unless they have been tested for and cleared of COVID-19.
• **Pre-Trek Social Distancing:** Crews must communicate to participants that they should ensure proper distancing between participants and others, other than immediate family members, 2 weeks prior to attending Sea Base when possible.

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• **Hand Sanitizer Requirement:** Crews must purchase or require each participant to purchase sufficient hand sanitizer to last the duration of the trip to and from Sea Base.

• **Facial Covering Requirement:** Crews must purchase or require each person to purchase a facial covering. Sea Base recommends a “Buff” or “Gaiter” style facial covering like those available at [Sea Base Ship Store](#). Facial coverings must be worn anytime a crew is in common areas where they might encounter others, food service areas, retail stores, check-in, aboard vessels with other crews.

• **Unit Leadership:** Each crew must elect/assign a youth member of your crew to act as the Sanitation Chief for the duration of your adventure. Responsibilities will include:
  o Instructing/reminding crew members to socially distance from other travelers, crews, staff members.
  o Instructing/reminding crew members not to touch their eyes, nose, mouth.
  o Instructing/reminding crew members to wash hands and use hand sanitizer.
  o Instructing/reminding crew members to wear facial coverings.
  o Instructing/reminding crew members to sanitize vessels/dormitories.

• **Crew Participation Model and Social Distancing:** Due to the nature of program types, activities and safety requirements, it is not possible for Sea Base to socially distance within a crew (person to person) or distance the crew from assigned staff members.

• **Social Distancing Requirements:** Crews are required to socially distance from other crews, the public and non-assigned staff members. Crews refusing to socially distance will not be permitted to remain onsite.

• **Travel Types:** Crews should avoid traveling to Sea Base aboard trains or busses unless the provider has social distancing and air purification plans in place.

**Traveling to Sea Base**

Units traveling to Sea Base should take the following precautions to limit the risk of contracting COVID-19 while traveling to and/from Sea Base:

• **Sickness:** Do not allow participants who are sick to travel.

• **Exposure:** Do not allow participants who have been exposed to COVID-19 to travel.

• **Handwashing:** Wash hands frequently.

• **Touching:** Avoid touching eyes, nose, mouth.

• **Hand Sanitation:** Bring hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol & use frequently.

• **Facial Covering:** Bring and use facial coverings.

• **Touching:** Avoid unnecessary touching of handrails, doors, etc.

• **Social Distancing:** Avoid close contact with non-crew members, within 6ft.

• **Food Service:** Pick up food at drive-throughs, curbside delivery, or stores.
• **Stops:** Limit non-essential stops.
• **Transportation:** Avoid trains and busses unless the provider has social distancing and air purification plans in place.

**Checking in at Sea Base**
To ensure proper social distancing Sea Base will require:
• **Facial Covering:** Participants must wear facial coverings upon arriving at Sea Base.
• **Social Distancing:** One adult leader will be allowed to check-in his/her crew at a time.
• **Social Distancing:** No other youth or adults from his/her crew, or any other crew, will be permitted in/at the check-in area.
• **Adult Oversight:** Members of each crew will wait in assigned areas. It is the responsibility of the second adult leader to ensure that youth and adults remain in the assigned area.
• **Medical Screening/Temperature Check:** Each participant’s BSA AHMR will be reviewed and everyone will have their temperature taken upon arrival. Crews arriving with a sick individual or individual with temperature exceeding 100.4 degrees will not be permitted to remain onsite.

**Meal Service**
Sea Base will restrict the number of persons who access dining facilities.
• **USVI Food Service:**
  o St. Thomas crews will eat all meals aboard their vessel.
  o St. Croix crews will prepare and cook meals in a designated location.
  o Crews must wear facial coverings when receiving food supplies.
• **Islamorada Food Service:**
  o Crews will be assigned unit specific mealtimes upon arrival.
  o No more than one crew may access the main food service area at a time.
  o Crews will be assigned seating. A minimum of 6ft. will separate each crew.
  o Crews must wear facial coverings when lining up for meals, walking through the galley and before/after eating.
• **Brinton Environmental Center Food Service:**
  o Crews will be assigned unit specific mealtimes upon arrival.
  o No more than one crew may access the main food service area at a time.
  o Crews will be assigned seating. A minimum of 6ft. will separate each crew.
  o Crews must wear facial coverings when lining up for meals, walking through the galley and before/after eating.
• **Camp Sawyer:**
  o Crews will be assigned mealtime and seating areas.
  o Crews must wear facial coverings when receiving food supplies.
Meal Service Sanitation
Sea Base has enacted a sanitation plan for food service areas including front of the house, back of the house, delivery and refuse disposal.

- **Service Lines:** Staff will clean and sanitize service lines between each service.
- **Food Preparation:** Staff will clean and sanitize non-service areas in accordance with Florida Department of Health regulations.
- **Seating:** Staff will clean and sanitize all seating prior to and following each series of services; breakfast, lunch, dinner.
- **Crew Seating:** Crews will be provided sanitation spray and towels to sanitize their seating area before and after meals.

Retail, Florida Keys
Florida Keys retail locations are limited to:

- Islamorada Ship Store, 8 individuals.
- Islamorada Snack Bar, 8 individuals.
- Brinton Environmental Center, 8 individuals.
- Camp Sawyer, 2 individuals.
- St. Croix, 1 individual.

Dormitories, Florida Keys
Sea Base is erecting walls in dormitories to designate space for individual crews. Crews will not share designated dorm space. If there are insufficient dormitories, Sea Base will provide air-conditioned “glamping” tents.

- Crews will clean and sanitize their dormitory upon arrival and prior to departure.

Dormitories for Sailing Crews, Florida Keys
Crew participating in either Coral Reef Sailing or STEM Eco Sailing will stay aboard their vessel for the duration of their adventure and will not move into dormitories.

- Crews will clean and sanitize their vessel upon arrival and prior to departure.

Sailing Vessels, Florida Keys & US Virgin Islands
No more than one crew may be aboard a sailing vessel at a time in the Florida Keys or St. Thomas, sailing vessels in St. Croix will be limited to reduced capacity and all participants must wear facial coverings while onboard.

- Captains and crews will clean and sanitize vessels upon crew arrival and before crew departure or as designated upon arrival.

Scuba & Snorkel Vessels
Each vessel will be sectioned creating +6ft distance between crews.

- Vessels will be cleaned and sanitized before and following each use.
- Crews will be restricted to their designated areas.
Sea Base Camp-Wide Activities
Activities will be restricted to individual crews.

Staff Wellness
Sea Base staff and captains will be subject to medical review, mandatory illness reporting and temperature checks.
- Staff and captains will attend COVID-19 specific training.
- Staff and captains will be required to socially distance from all non-assigned crews.
- Staff and captains will be required to socially distance from the public whenever possible and adhere to social distancing when in public.
- Staff and captains will be required to wear facial coverings in common areas, retail, food service areas, and whenever prudent/possible aboard vessels.

General Personal Cleanliness
Sea Base participants, staff and captains are required to:
- Frequently wash hands for 30 seconds using soap and water.
- Avoid touching their mouth, nose, eyes.
- Possess and use hand sanitizer containing 60% alcohol.
- Possess and wear facial coverings.

Snorkel Gear Sanitation and Recommendation
Sea Base sanitizes snorkel masks and snorkels between users. Given COVID-19 concerns, Sea Base recommends that everyone bring or purchase their own snorkel and snorkel mask.
- Due to health & safety concerns Sea Base prohibits “full-face” snorkel masks.
- Sea Base recommends against purchasing poor-quality snorkel sets because they often leak, poorly fit, and diminish the opportunity for a quality underwater experience.
- Sea Base will begin selling snorkel gear on 5/14/2020 online at www.fsbshipstore.com. The gear sold will be new in package and is the same gear currently used by Sea Base.

Closing
Sea Base has developed a plan to decrease the likelihood of COVID-19 transmission. Sea Base has shared its plan with local health officials. Staff and captains will receive significant training. However, no level of planning can fully eliminate the potential for COVID-19 transmission. Traveling to, participating at, and returning home from Sea Base presents risk.

It is essential that each participant, parent or guardian, and volunteer adult leader understands the risks associated prior to attending Sea Base. Ultimately it is the responsibility of attendees and their parents or guardians to make the decision that is best for them and their families.