

Sea Base Statement

The health of participants, staff members, captains, and the communities where we operate are our primary concern.

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

Sea Base BSA COVID-19 Vaccination Recommendation

The National Office of the Boy Scouts of America, including Sea Base BSA, **strongly recommends** every Sea Base participant to become [Up to Date](#) on all vaccinations prior to traveling to the Florida Keys, Bahamas, or US Virgin Islands to participate in a Sea Base program.

[Up to Date](#) is defined by the CDC as having received all doses in the primary series and all boosters recommended for you, when eligible.

The table below is for reference purposes only. Consult with your physician to determine your personal eligibility.

Age 18 and Older	Primary Series	1 st Booster	2 nd Booster (if over 50 yrs.)
Pfizer	2 weeks until +5 mos.	+5 mos. after primary series	+4 mos. after 1 st Booster
Moderna	2 weeks until +5 mos.	+5 mos. after primary series	+4 mos. after 1 st Booster
J&J	2 weeks until +2 mos.	+2 mos. after primary series	+4 mos. after 1 st Booster
Age 11- 17	Primary Series	1 st Booster	2 nd Booster
Pfizer	2 weeks until +5 mos.	+5 mos. after primary series	Not recommended
Moderna	2 weeks	Not recommended	Not recommended

Visit [Center for Disease Control](#) to learn more about [Up to Date](#) status.

Sea Base is required by BSA National Camp Accreditation to adhere to CDC Recommendations.

The policy as stated below, is significantly less onerous than previous policies, including the policy units registered under, because of changes by the CDC.

It is likely that CDC Guidance will continue to change; each unit should know and understand current CDC Recommendations. CDC Recommendations can be found at www.CDC.gov.

CDC Recommendations for Quarantine & Isolation:

If you were exposed to COVID-19 and are NOT up to date on COVID-19 Vaccinations:

- Quarantine for at least 5 days
- Get tested at least 5 days after your last close contact
- Watch for symptoms until Day 10, **avoid travel until Day 10**, wear a mask until Day 10
- If you must travel during days 6-10 take precautions

Sea Base Policy Based upon the recommendation

Anyone exposed to COVID-19 who is not [up to date](#) on COVID-19 vaccinations, or recently recovered from COVID-19 (within the last 90 days), is ineligible to travel to or attend Sea Base until **10 days after their last exposure date**.

Sea Base does not have onsite facilities for medical care, quarantine, or isolation. Anyone exposed to COVID-19 while at Sea Base who is not [up to date](#) on COVID-19 vaccinations, or recently recovered from COVID-19 (within the last 90 days), will be required to depart.

If you were exposed to COVID-19 and are Up to Date on COVID-19 vaccinations:

- No quarantine, you do not need to stay home unless you develop symptoms
- **Get tested 5 days after you last had close contact**
- Watch for symptoms until Day 10, wear a mask until Day 10
- Take precautions while traveling

Sea Base Policy Based Upon the Recommendation

Anyone who is [up to date](#) on COVID-19 vaccinations who has been exposed to COVID-19 can attend Sea Base if their **exposure was 5 or more days ago** provided they are non-symptomatic and have either tested negative for COVID-19 24 hours prior to arrival or recently recovered from COVID-19 (within the last 90 days).

Anyone exposed to COVID-19 who is [up to date](#) on COVID-19 vaccinations, or recently recovered from COVID-19 (within the last 90 Days), is permitted to remain at Sea Base unless they become symptomatic or test positive for COVID-19.

If you were exposed to COVID-19 and had confirmed COVID-19 within the past 90 Days:

- No quarantine, you do not need to stay home unless you develop symptoms
- Watch for symptoms until Day 10, wear a mask until Day 10
- Take precautions while traveling

Sea Base Policy Based Upon the Recommendation

Anyone who is recently recovered from COVID-19 (within the last 90 days) who has been exposed to COVID-19 can attend Sea Base provided they are non-symptomatic.

Anyone recently recovered from COVID-19 (within the last 90 Days), is permitted to remain at Sea Base unless they become symptomatic for COVID-19.

If you tested positive for COVID-19 or have symptoms, regardless of vaccination status:

- Stay home for 5 Days and isolate from others in your home
- Wear a well-fitting mask if you must be around others in your home
- End isolation if you had symptoms. End isolation after 5 full days if fever free without the use of medication and symptoms are improving
- Ending isolation if you did not have symptoms. End isolations after Day 5
- Wear a well-fitting mask until Day 10, **do not travel until Day 10**

Sea Base Policy Based Upon the Recommendation

Anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, is **ineligible to travel to or attend Sea Base until Day 10**.

Sea Base BSA COVID-19 Testing Requirement

Sea Base requires all participants, regardless of vaccination status, to test for COVID-19 24 hours prior to traveling to Sea Base OR provide a letter from their physician stating that they are recently recovered from COVID-19 within the previous 90 days. Anyone arriving without a test or physicians' note will be denied entry.

CDC: COVID-19 Vaccination & Travel

CDC strongly recommends becoming up to date with vaccinations before travel. CDC does not require a negative test to travel internationally or domestically.

For up-to-date information visit the CDC website ([here](#)).

Bahamas: COVID-19 Travel Requirements

The Government of the Bahamas has developed travel guidelines for both vaccinated and unvaccinated international travel.

Sea Base strongly recommends every participants to become [Up to Date](#) on all vaccinations due to the ramifications of mandated quarantine or self-isolation due to a positive COVID-19 test result.

For up-to-date information visit the Bahamas website ([here](#)).

US Virgin Islands: COVID-19 Travel Requirements

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has developed travel recommendations for both vaccinated and unvaccinated travel for domestic travel. As a territory of the United States, US Virgin Islands is considered domestic travel.

CDC strongly recommends becoming [Up to Date](#) before domestic travel.

For up-to-date information visit the USVI website ([here](#)).

Pre-Trek Planning, Unit Screening

- Sea Base **REQUIRES** that all participants test negative for COVID-19 24 hours prior to traveling OR provide a physicians note stating that they are recently recovered (within the last 90 days) from COVID-19. Proof of either testing or physicians note will be required at check-in. Anyone arriving without proof of testing, or physicians note will be denied entry. (Bahamas & USVI participants are subject to government and territory requirements).
- **Types of Tests Accepted:** Sea Base accepts all FDA approved Rapid Antigen and PCR COVID tests including home tests. Copies, screenshots, or photos with home tests are accepted.
- **Know Before You Go:** Each participant and parent of participants must be fully aware of all travel requirements and be prepared to follow all required protocols.
- **Required Unit Screening:** Crews must set a time, 24 hours prior to travel, to complete the required [Sea Base Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist](#). The document must be submitted upon arrival.
 - Sea Base recommends that crews do not meet in person until everyone has completed a COVID-19 test or that they ensure proper distancing until everyone completes a COVID-19 test to guard against exposure.
- **Testing Requirements:** Sea Base **REQUIRES** that all participants, regardless of vaccination status, test for COVID-19 24 hours prior to traveling or provide a physicians note stating that they are recently recovered from COVID-19 (within the last 90 days) and are no longer contagious. Proof of either testing or physicians note will

be required at check-in. Anyone arriving without proof of testing or physicians note will be denied entry. (Bahamas & USVI participants are subject to government and territory requirements).

- **Illness Restrictions:** Sick individuals are not eligible to attend Sea Base. If (1) or more members of the crew test positive for COVID-19, anyone who has not recently recovered, evidenced by a physicians note, from COVID (last 90 days) or who is not [up to date](#) on their vaccinations will be required to depart Sea Base. Sea Base does not have onsite facilities for quarantine or isolation.
- **Temperature Restrictions:** Individuals with elevated temperatures, above 100.4, are not eligible to attend Sea Base. If (1) or more members of the crew test positive for COVID-19, anyone who has not recently recovered, evidenced by a physicians note, from COVID (last 90 days) or who is not [up to date](#) on their vaccinations will be required to depart Sea Base. Sea Base does not have onsite facilities for quarantine or isolation.
- **Illness/Temperature Restrictions Impacting Crews:** Sea Base does not have onsite facilities for quarantine or isolation. It is the responsibility of crew leadership and parents to organize and fund travel, quarantine or isolation. (Bahamas & USVI participants are subject to government and territory requirements).
- **Chronic Medical Conditions:** Individuals with serious, chronic, medical conditions should not participate in a Sea Base Program. Should you choose to participate, you must have approval from your health care provider.
- **Scuba Participants Who Have Tested Positive for COVID-19 in the Past:** Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 or suspect that they contracted COVID-19 at any time should seek the medical advice of their physician and Divers Alert Network prior to attending. Scuba participants who have tested positive must provide a RSTC Diver Medical Questionnaire signed by a physician (MD or DO only).
- **[Exposure Restrictions for individuals who are not Up to Date:](#)** Anyone exposed to COVID-19 who is not [up to date](#) on COVID-19 vaccinations, or recently recovered from COVID-19 (within the last 90 days), is ineligible travel to or attend Sea Base **until 10 days after their last exposure date**. Sea Base does not have onsite facilities for medical care, quarantine, or isolation. Anyone exposed to COVID-19 while at Sea Base who is not [up to date](#) on COVID-19 vaccinations, or recently recovered from COVID-19 (within the last 90 days), will be required to depart.
- **[Exposure Restrictions for individuals who are Up to Date:](#)** Anyone who is [up to date](#) on COVID-19 vaccinations who has been exposed to COVID-19 can attend Sea Base if their **exposure was 5 or more days ago** provided they are non-symptomatic and have either tested negative for COVID-19 24 hours prior to arrival or recently recovered from COVID-19 (within the last 90 days). Anyone exposed to COVID-19 who is [up to date](#) on COVID-19 vaccinations, or recently recovered from COVID-19 (within the last 90 Days), is permitted to remain at Sea Base unless they become symptomatic or test positive for COVID-19.
- **[Exposure Restrictions for individuals who are recently recovered from COVID-19:](#)** Anyone who is recently recovered from COVID-19 (within the last 90 days) who has been exposed to COVID-19 can attend Sea Base provided they are non-symptomatic and have either tested negative for COVID-19 or recently recovered from COVID-19 (within the last 90 days). Anyone recently recovered from COVID-19 (within the last 90 Days), is permitted to remain at Sea Base unless they become symptomatic or test positive for COVID-19.
- **[If you have tested positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status:](#)** Anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, **is ineligible to travel to or attend Sea Base until Day 10**.

- **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 whenever possible.
- **Pre-Trek Social Distancing:** Crews must communicate to participants and parents that they should require immediate family members to socially distance 2 weeks prior to their family members arrival at Sea Base whenever possible.
- **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 Florida:** Crews must purchase or require each person to purchase a facial covering. Facial coverings must be worn anytime a crew is in common areas where they might encounter individuals from other crews or unassigned staff members, food service areas, retail stores, check-in, vehicles, aboard vessels with other crews.
- **Facial Coverings Bahamas and USVI:** The Government of the Bahamas and Territory of the USVI require facial coverings to be worn in public including in all public spaces, taxi cabs, shuttles, etc.
- **Snorkel & Mask Requirement:** Due to COVID-19, Sea Base will no longer provide masks and snorkels. Crews must purchase or require each participant to purchase a snorkel and mask. Sea Base recommends that individuals purchase quality masks and snorkels as “inexpensive” masks and snorkels often leak, fit poorly or break. Quality masks and snorkels are available ([HERE](#)).
- **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:
 - Instructing/reminding crew members to socially distance from other travelers, other crews, staff members.
 - Instructing/reminding crew members not to touch their eyes, nose, mouth.
 - Instructing/reminding crew members to wash hands and use hand sanitizer.
 - Instructing/reminding crew members to wear facial coverings.
 - 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/cohort or distance the crew from assigned staff members or captains. All current CDC, USVI or Bahamas recommendations/requirements will be followed regarding quarantine/self-isolation in the event of illness, exposure, positive COVID-19 test.
- **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.

General Travel 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:

- **Facial Coverings:** Participants should wear facial coverings during travel to Sea Base. Bahamas and USVI participants must wear facial coverings anytime in public.
- **Sickness/Elevated Temperature:** Do not allow sick participants to travel.

- **Exposure:** Do not allow participants exposed to COVID-19 to travel unless they have met quarantine restrictions and have tested negative for COVID-19 or are recently recovered from COVID-19.
- **Testing:** Do not allow participants who have not been tested 24 hours prior to onsite arrival OR without a physicians note stating that they are recently recovered from COVID-19 to travel.
- **Handwashing:** Wash hands frequently.
- **Hand Sanitation:** Bring hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol & use frequently
- **Touching:** Avoid touching eyes, nose, mouth.
- **Facial Covering:** Bring and use facial coverings.
- **Touching:** Avoid unnecessary touching in public areas.
- **Social Distancing:** Avoid close contact with non-crew members, within 6ft.
- **Food Service:** Pick up food at drive-throughs or curbside delivery.
- **Stops:** Limit non-essential stops.
- **Transportation:** Avoid trains and busses.

Checking in at Sea Base

To ensure proper social distancing Sea Base will require:

- **Facial Covering:** Participants must wear facial coverings upon arrival at Sea Base until they have completed the medical screening process and then anytime in public indoor settings.
- **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 participants BSA AHMR will be reviewed, and everyone will have their temperature taken upon arrival. If (1) or more members of the crew test positive for COVID-19, anyone who has not recently recovered from COVID (last 90 days) or who is up to date on vaccinations will be required to depart Sea Base. Sea Base does not have onsite facilities for quarantine or isolation.
- Sea Base **REQUIRES** that all participants test for COVID-19 24 hours prior to traveling OR provide a physicians note stating that they are recently recovered from COVID-19 (within the last 90 days) and are no longer contagious. **Proof of either testing or physicians note will be required at check-in.** Anyone arriving without either proof of testing, or physicians note will be denied entry.

Meal Service

Bahamas and USVI Meal Service:

- Bahamas and USVI crews will eat their meals aboard their vessels.

Florida Keys Meal Service:

- Crews will be assigned a specific mealtime upon arrival.
- Crews must wear facial coverings when indoors/or receiving food stores.

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.

Retail, Florida Keys

Florida Keys retail locations are limited to:

- Islamorada Ship Store, 8 individuals or as specified.
- Islamorada Snack Bar, 8 individuals or as specified.
- Brinton Environmental Center, 8 individuals or as specified.
- Camp Sawyer, 2 individuals or as specified.

Dormitories, Florida Keys

Sea Base has erected walls in dormitories to designate space for individual crews or individual vessels. Crews will not share designated dorm space unless they are assigned to the same vessel. If there are insufficient dormitories, Sea Base will provide air-conditioned “glamping” tents.

- Sea Base will clean and sanitize dormitories & tents between use.

Sailing Vessels

No more than one crew/cohort may be aboard a sailing vessel at a time in the Bahamas, Florida Keys or US Virgin Islands.

- Captains and crews will clean and sanitize vessels prior to crew arrival and before crew departure.

Sea Base Camp-Wide Activities

Any activities in which Sea Base cannot ensure social distancing will be restricted.

Staff Wellness

Sea Base staff and captains will be subject to medical review, mandatory illness reporting and temperature checks, and COVID-19 testing.

- 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 wear facial coverings in common areas, retail, food service areas, and whenever prudent/possible aboard vessels.
- Staff and Captains are required to test for COVID-19 24 hours prior to onsite arrival.
- Staff and Captains are required to test for COVID-19 upon arrival.
- Staff and Captains are required to self-report symptoms of COVID-19.
- BSA National, including Sea Base, **STRONGLY RECOMMENDS** that all staff and captains become [Up to Date](#) against COVID-19 prior to onsite arrival.

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 whenever required including in program offices, food service areas, and at retail locations.

Snorkel Gear Requirements

Sea Base now requires 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 has begun selling quality, discounted, snorkel gear online at www.fsbshipstore.com. The gear sold will be new in package and is the same gear currently used by Sea Base. Gear can be shipped or picked up onsite (Florida Keys Only).

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 have and will continue to 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.

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Sea Base is required by BSA National Camp Accreditation to follow CDC Recommendations.

(Bahamas & USVI participants are subject to government and territory requirements in addition to Sea