



Preparing for Sea Base

COVID-19

Communication to Adult Leaders and Parents

Sea Base Statement

The health of participants, staff members, captains, and the communities where we operate is 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 or other illnesses may show no signs or symptoms of illness, but can still spread a virus, and people may be contagious before their symptoms occur.

It is possible that someone with COVID-19 or any other illness may pass the required health screening. Every staff member, captain, volunteer, and Scouting family must evaluate their unique circumstances and make an informed decision before choosing to attend Sea Base.

Vaccination Requirements and Recommendations

The National Office of the Boy Scouts of America requires tetanus immunization for anyone attending a National High Adventure Base.

The Boy Scouts of America strongly recommends every Scout, youth and adult, attending a National High Adventure Base be Up-to-Date on all recommended ([BSA AHMR](#)) immunizations **and** COVID-19 vaccinations prior to attending a National High Adventure Base.

CDC COVID-19 Recommendations

BSA National High Adventure Bases, including Sea Base, are required by BSA National Camp Accreditation to follow CDC COVID-19 recommendations and local requirements.

For more information regarding current CDC recommendations please visit: [CDC Your Health](#).

COVID-19 Pre-Event Requirements Based on CDC Recommendations

No one who is sick, or has been sick, or has tested positive for COVID-19 in the previous 5-Days may attend Sea Base.

Even after 5-days, no one who tested positive for COVID-19 but is still symptomatic (sick) may attend Sea Base.

COVID-19 Testing Requirements

COVID-19 testing is not required to attend Sea Base at this time.

Pre-Event Medical Screening

Every unit is required to complete the BSA Pre-Event Medical Screening prior to travel. Those who are sick or experiencing symptoms listed on the Pre-Event Medical Screening forms checklist may not attend Sea Base.

The [Pre-Event Medical Screening Form](#) is required at check-in.

Snorkel Gear Requirements

To limit the spread of any communicable disease or illness, Sea Base does not provide masks or snorkels. Every participant must purchase or bring their own mask and snorkel.

- Due to health and safety concerns BSA prohibits “full-face” snorkel masks.
- Sea Base recommends against purchasing poor-quality snorkel sets because they often leak, poorly fit, often break, and negatively impact participants experiences.
- Sea Base sells quality, affordable, snorkel gear at its online store www.bsaseabase.org.

Travel Requirements

It is the responsibility of units to know the travel requirements for their specific locals and the Sea Base location they are traveling to including the Bahamas, US Virgin Islands, and Florida.

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I or Someone Else Becomes Sick While at Sea Base?

Sea Base does not have facilities onsite for testing, treatment, or quarantine. Units must come prepared with a plan, as was required even before COVID-19, to care for sick individuals offsite to limit the spread of any illness.

Does the Unit Need to Depart if (1) or More Individuals Become Sick?

No. Per CDC Recommendations, only sick individuals must depart.

Are Masks Required?

BSA National Camp Accreditation requires Sea Base to follow CDC Recommendations.

CDC Recommends masking for communities with high levels of COVID-19 infection. If this recommendation is in effect, and community levels are high, indoor masking will be required in the following areas and times:

- During Check-In (indoor and outdoor unless distanced)
- Program Office
- Administration Office
- Galley (Food Service)
- Ships Store (Retail)

In the event of high levels of community infection signs will be present in each area advising participants to mask. If signs are present, masking is required.

Closing

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.