



**Executive Summary of Updates/Changes to COVID-19 Guidance**  
Updated October 7, 2020

<https://nhscouting.org/coronavirus>

**Unit Activity Guidance**

- Increases the number of total participants allowed to not exceed 80.
- If a meeting or activity needs to be greater than 80 participants, units can now submit a **“Request for Participant Capacity Variance”** - <https://www.cognitofrms.com/BSA4/RequestForParticipantCapacityVariance>
- Page 6 – “Waiver, Release, and Indemnification” text change to “This waiver, release, indemnification agreement, and promise not to sue shall apply to any and all claims of negligence **caused by willful disregard of COVID-19 guidance**, but does not apply to any claims of criminal conduct, gross negligence, or willful conduct.”

**Supplemental Activity Guidance**

- Clarifies **Program Process Guidance** (pages 2-3) Section 3, part C.
- Clarifies **Program Process Guidance** (pages 2-3) Section 4
- Clarifies **Program Process Guidance** (pages 2-3) Section 6
- Clarifies **Social Distancing Strategies** to allow for participants to be less than 80.
- If a meeting or activity needs to be greater than 80 participants, units can now submit a **“Request for Participant Capacity Variance”** - <https://www.cognitofrms.com/BSA4/RequestForParticipantCapacityVariance>

**Unit Camping Guidance**

- Increases the number of cohorts to three versus two. Cohorts of no more than 10 per group and the maximum total cannot exceed 30. (24 youth and 6 adults as a minimum)

**Unit Indoor Guidance**

- Change in the formula to calculate the total number of participants allowed per square footage.
  - Indoor events in venues may operate at 50 percent of their normal operating seating capacity
  - OR**
  - Maximum number between youth, adult leaders, volunteers, and visitors cannot exceed 80 participants
- Adds *If the facility being used can accommodate greater than 80 participants after the calculation in item a above is performed, a “Request for Participant Capacity Variance” may be requested, if needed. The form to be completed can be found at:* <https://www.cognitofrms.com/BSA4/RequestForParticipantCapacityVariance>

**Use of Council Properties During COVID-19**

- Clarifies which buildings will remain closed at Camp Carpenter & Griswold Scout Reservation
- Adds information on reserving a camp facility
- Includes changes on serving food during an event