

# Resica Falls Scout Reservation COVID-19 Overview Sheet

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In the midst of a global pandemic, Resica Falls is fully committed to ensuring the safety of all its campers, leaders, staff, and guests. As such, policies may change following the publication of this guide. Everyone in camp has a responsibility to protect the health and safety of everyone else. One uninformed or careless person can, in a moment, destroy the health and safety of the entire camp!

Resica Falls is committed to running a safe and exciting camping experience for each of our campers. Violations and breach of protocol will be taken with the utmost level of seriousness. Failure to comply with protocols will result in individual Scouts, adult leaders, or possibly even an entire unit being sent home from camp. Refunds will not be issued.

## **Pre-Camp Mitigations**

Pre-arrival Precautions – Recently, PA travel restrictions have been updated to no longer require a 10-day quarantine or negative COVID-19 test before arriving in the state. In general, we still recommend safe social distancing and quarantine practices for all participants before your arrival in camp.

Transportation - Resica Falls encourages transportation by members of the same household, limiting carpooling where possible. If carpooling with members outside of the same family, masks must be worn. We recommend taking the temperature of each individual traveling to camp before departure as well.

Documentation - Please ensure that all Scouts, leaders, and drivers have a completed COVID-19 Screening Form with them before departing for camp. Additionally, a new Unit Roster form will be required this year to facilitate contact tracing. This form can be found at <https://resicafalls.org/documents>.

Vaccination Opportunities - Vaccinations allow individuals to have protective immunity without the serious side effects of contracting the disease itself. The COVID-19 vaccine is recommended because, for some individuals, becoming infected with COVID-19 can have serious, life-threatening complications. Even those who are not at a high risk of developing complications could spread the disease to friends, family, and others if infected with the virus.

At this time, COVID-19 vaccinations are available throughout the northeast region for those age 12 and over. We know not everyone attending camp this summer will have access to vaccinations, but we encourage those that can get vaccinated, to get vaccinated. With this in

mind, Resica Falls will not be requiring vaccines for neither staff nor campers. Those that do get vaccinated will still be required to follow our other COVID-19 mitigation policies.

## **Changes to Check-In**

Arrival at Resica Elementary - Units are required to meet at the Resica Elementary School as the first step in the check-in process. Many key aspects of check-in will be taking place at the school. Units should arrive at their assigned check-in time, and if possible, together as a unit. Please remain in your vehicles until instructed otherwise.

Initial Temperature Checks - Temperature checks will be taken for everyone arriving, including drivers, and COVID-19 Screening Forms will be collected. If any one person in a vehicle has a temperature of or above 100.0°F or answers YES to a screening question, the entire vehicle will be sent home.

Medical Rechecks - Medical rechecks will take place at Resica Elementary School. All participants remaining in camp will receive a Medical Recheck, where their medical forms will be reviewed. Review stations will be spaced adequate apart to facilitate social distancing between participants and reviewers, while still maintaining privacy. Once approved, participants will receive their wristband to indicate their admittance to camp for the week.

## **General Policies**

Mask Policy – Determined by the CDC as one of the best forms of prevention of COVID-19, personal masks are essential for your stay in camp. Masking will be required in areas where social distancing is not possible, including indoors, at camp wide activities, and during merit badge programs. Campers should bring several masks for their stay in camp. Additional masks will also be available for purchase in the Trading Post. Units are encouraged to also bring disposable masks for use as needed throughout the week.

Dining Procedures – We are instituting three seatings for meals this summer. This enables us to maintain social distancing while eating. All meals will be served cafeteria style/grab-and-go. As each seating ends, Scouts are expected to dispose of their own trash and return their tray for cleaning. The 10 minutes between each meal is imperative for cleaning and sanitizing the Dining Hall, so promptness in unit arrival at the start of a meal is a must. Further instructions will be provided during check-in and during your unit's Dining Hall orientation.

Visitors - All visitors must sign in at the camp office immediately upon arrival. The staff member on duty will collect their COVID-19 screening form and take their temperature. All visitors must sign out at the camp office when leaving. The camp will not conduct an organized camp visitors night. Your unit is encouraged to caution parents and guests from coming to camp throughout the week. The Camp Director retains the right to prohibit visitors in camp.

Daily Temperature Checks - It is the responsibility of the unit to take each participant's temperature each morning before arrival at your assigned breakfast seating. Any individual temperature above 100.0°F will result in that participant being sent home from camp, no exceptions. Completion of this should be noted on your unit's Campsite Inspection Chart for review by your Program Commissioner daily.

COVID-19 Emergency Procedures - Any individual showing symptoms of COVID-19 must be escorted directly to the Health Lodge immediately. Additional areas for isolating these individuals will be made available. Our Health Officers, following standing orders from the medical professionals on our Health & Safety Committee, will evaluate the individual. In any case, any individual presumed to be positive will be sent home immediately, including camp staff.

## **Program Operations**

Campwide Activities – We're happy to share that the split program schedule announced previously is now being replaced with our combined set of campwide programs! Most split programs previously announced, including campfires, camp-wide games, and other activities have now been combined. This should help relieve some confusion and ultimately result in a higher quality program for all of our participants.

Program Areas – This summer, merit badges and other program areas will feature smaller class sizes and new instruction times. Additional and expanded instruction areas will be used in a socially distant manner.

## **Cleaning & Sanitation**

Campsite Latrines – Latrines are to be cleaned/sanitized once daily in the morning by units. Camp staff will sanitize latrines once daily in the afternoon. All parties will be required to complete the sanitation log. Water fountains will be disabled.

Showerhouses - Showerhouses will be cleaned twice daily and sanitized every 2 hours. A sanitation log will be kept for each facility. Water fountains will be disabled. Locker rooms will only be open during aquatic activities, to otherwise encourage the use of individual bathrooms.