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**Re: Update Coronavirus - COVID-19 Virus**

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Dear Scouters,

It has been an interesting time for all of us. As we go forward into the new scouting year, we are all asking: how do we go forward? The Executive Council, along with some key leaders' support, have created a go forward strategy. We all want to get back to what we know best.

We have learned many things throughout this pandemic, and we all know it's here for a long time. Things will not be normal until a vaccine is created. Our hope is that we can create a new normal in scouting, but we need to be constantly changing protocols to meet the guidelines set out by our municipalities and government. School has found a way to return, although not to what we knew in the past and scouting is doing the same. We go forward with new methods.

I have attached the protocols that the committee as a whole, have created. These have been sent to our insurance company and have received a go forward approval subject to change.

I need to stress that as leaders it is your choice to go forward or not. We want no leader to feel pressured to be in front of the youth and put their health at risk. You are all welcome to use our zoom account to conduct online meetings. The following are from my previous letter in February:

- **The National Commissioner has the authority to issue temporary directives regarding pandemic response.**
- **Please report to the National Commissioner the following: questions, concerns, and or actions taken pursuant to this letter.**

These guidelines are given as a tool to work from and may evolve as we learn more about this virus. Please listen to your local news and health unit for any directives and report these to the National Commissioner at 519-572-7024 or [rodsmith@traditionalscouting.ca](mailto:rodsmith@traditionalscouting.ca). Please refer to these organizations for additional information: W.H.O. (World Health Organization) or C.D.C. (Centre for Disease Control)

[www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronavirus](http://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronavirus)

[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission)

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