

SUBJECT: CIEC, COVID-19 UPDATE 3-14-2022

The California Inland Empire Council is dedicated to the safety of our Scouts, volunteers, employees, and communities continues to be our top priority. We must continue our vigilance to assure that youth and their families are safe while they enjoy the many benefits of Scouting.

We encourage everyone to consult with their physician to discuss opportunities for vaccination. It is our best hope for returning to normalcy in our Scouting family. Although we highly recommend wearing a face cover with all in person Scouting activities, the following guidance has been adopted by the California Inland Empire Council.

Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings:

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- Face Coverings are **not required** for either indoor or outdoor settings.
- Regardless of vaccination status, face coverings are required for public transit and any other settings mandated by the State of California Department of Public Health.

The critical need of today is for all to understand the rationale for our caution and actions. Because of the pandemic, fewer youth have joined our movement. To welcome new members and their families, we must demonstrate that we are safe and are concerned with the health of all. The success of the Scouting program depends on conducting regular meetings and activities in a safe and responsible way.

If you have a fever, cough, or other symptoms associated with COVID-19, or if you believe you may have been exposed to COVID-19, individuals must not participate with any in-person Scouting meeting nor should attend any Scouting activity/event. People who think they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider immediately.