

Advancement Committee Guidelines for Eagle Projects during COVID-19

In this time of COVID 19, it is important that Scouts and leaders follow steps to help keep Scouts, project participants and beneficiaries safe.

In addition to the guidelines in the Guide to Advancement section: Risk management and Eagle projects, the council COVID updates, and Centers for Disease Control and other public health agencies, here are some additional recommendations to follow.

- 1. All COVID-19 safeguards must be in effect. Steps to enforce face coverings and maintaining six-foot separation is paramount.
- 2. Projects that work with at risk groups of people, those over 65 years of age, or those with underlying health conditions should not be done.
- 3. Before beginning the project, it is important that Scouts and a unit leader verify with the beneficiary that the project can go forward during this time.
- 4. Per Guide to Advancement 9.0.2.14, Troop Adult Leadership is to be available at the Eagle Project to ensure all safety precautions, including social distancing, are enforced.
- 5. It is recommended that Eagle projects should be broken up into component parts to be worked on by family groups where practical.
- 6. No Scout or Adult members of the unit should be pressured to attend the project if they have concerns regarding the Coronavirus.
- 7. All specifics from the Guide to Advancement will apply. Since all Eagle projects are unit events, any restrictions placed on the unit by the Charter Organization are in effect.
- 8. The District Advancement Chair is a great resource to help provide guidance to Scouts and unit leaders to ensure sufficient safeguards and Council guidelines are in place before beginning the project.

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