Northeast Georgia Council

Boy Scouts of America

Risk Management Committee

Re: Risk Advisory for the novel H1N1 Virus

To: All Volunteers of Council and District Activities, District Chairmen, Unit Leaders and Crew Advisors.

From: Mark White, Chairman, Risk Management, Health and Safety and Youth Protection Committee

Due to the nature of the novel H1N1 Virus we are asking all volunteers to prescreen your youth and adults prior to attending the fall Scouting, Cub, Venturing or Exploring activities. If any of the youth or adults is experiencing flu like symptoms please ask them not to attend the event.

According to the CDC; "Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people."

What are the signs and symptoms of this virus in people? The symptoms of novel H1N1 flu virus in people include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. A significant number of people who have been infected with this virus also have reported diarrhea and vomiting. Severe illnesses and death has occurred as a result of illness associated with this virus.

During the event to avoid getting sick please monitor your youth and use these common sense guidelines:

- Make sure they wash their hands when handling food or using the bathroom facilities using soap and water.
- If coughing or sneezing ask them to cover their mouth with a tissue or use their sleeves instead of using their hands. If they use their hands ask them to wash their hands immediately afterward.
- Avoid touching you eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Stay home if you get sick. You should limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

For more information go to the Centers for Disease Control website at: www.cdc.gov

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Quick Reference Card for Unit Leaders

For use when prescreening of participants prior to attending Council or District Activities

The purpose of this quick reference card is to provide a basis for screening for influenza. A person with a temperature of 100 deg F or higher or a combination of any two areas below should be asked not to participate in the event.

In the past 7 days have you had any of the following symptoms?

- Fever
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Body aches
- Headaches
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Diarrhea or vomiting.