

# Lets Get Back To Scouting

You'll have seen in recent days that the Government has introduced a new tier system for local restrictions across England. The Government has confirmed that organised youth activities and running of youth clubs are permitted within all three tiers. The Government state that services such as Scouts, like education, are essential to the development and wellbeing of young people and should continue wherever possible. Here are the posters published by the Government explaining what activities are permitted at the various levels; [Medium](#), [High](#), and [Very High](#).

In light of these changes, the National Youth Agency has confirmed that all parts of England will be at the Amber Readiness Level under the new tier system.

Large areas of our County have been struggling with infection rates over the months following the announcement of Amber readiness in July, some Districts were returned to and remained in Red as we responded to locally imposed lockdown restrictions under the framework that was available at that time. As a result of these latest changes I am happy to say that our County can move forward and return to face to face Scouting within the [Amber Readiness Guidance](#).

Your District Commissioner will advise you of the date at which your District & Group can return to Scouting.

You **must** before you meet have;

- A completed and approved Covid risk assessments.
- In date DBS, Safety and Safeguarding training

As has been the case since face-to-face Scouting resumed in July, there's no requirement for any volunteer or young person to return to face-to-face activities if they are not able or comfortable to do so. Coronavirus has impacted communities and families in many different ways and we should always be sensitive and supportive of each other.



## England

Readiness level: AMBER

**This means:** Restricted size group sessions can take place indoors and outdoors.

### Maximum group size:

- Activities involving young people: 15 young people and up to 5 leaders.
- Scout Network programmed activities: 6 people
- Adult activities (non-social) with no young people present: 6 people

**Relevant Government Guidance:** [National Youth Agency](#)

### Face Coverings:

- Adults must wear face coverings indoors, unless they are leading an activity.
- Scouts and Explorers must wear face coverings indoors, including when using toilet facilities.

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More than ever this year I have been proud to be part of East Lancashire Scouts. Thank you for your hard work supporting young people in such challenging times. I have heard inspirational stories about what has been achieved during our time in Red. I know that the positive impact the return to face-to-face Scouting will have on both young people and leaders will be exceptional.

Stay safe everyone

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