

Troop 1577

In-Person Meetings

Proposed Plan

Why Consider In-Person Meetings

- We have held 10 virtual meetings over 5 months
- Attendance has been dropping over time
- Even when Scouts log in, most keep their screens turned off and many do not participate, some even when asked directly for input
- The Scouts who are attending have been asking to hold in-person meetings
- We believe that we can hold safe meetings that provide value to the Scouts
- We believe that Scouts will benefit participating in a safe environment in Scouting with their friends

Social Distancing Plan

- All Activities will be held outside in the Church parking lot.
- The parking lot, parking space lines, and chalk markings will be used to support social distancing.
- Parents are needed to help the ASMs maintain social distance by the Scouts (and each other).
- The Church bathroom is available if necessary.
 - A parent will need to monitor the walkway from the parking lot to the Church door.
 - One Scout will use the bathroom at a time.

Meeting Plan

- Each meeting will contain:
 - Opening ceremony
 - One activity (possibly two if they are short)
 - Closing ceremony
- The meeting will end when the activity (and closing) is complete, not at 8:30pm
- Parents are needed to help manage social distancing so the SM, ASMs, and Advancement Coordinator can focus on supporting the meeting activity
- Parents will need to sign-up and commit for meetings
- A virtual meeting will be held on nights there are not enough parent volunteers

Meeting Plan

- Scouts will be asked to bring personal supplies from home to reduce chance of transmission from sharing
- Monday meetings will be held bi-weekly
- The PLC will meet on alternating Mondays to plan the next meeting
- Scoutmaster Conferences and Boards of Review will not be held during Troop meetings
- Merit Badge classes will be held by agreement between the Scout (and family) and the Merit Badge Counselor

Safety Requirements

- Everyone will check in before the meeting
 - Attendance for possible contact tracing
 - Health/contact/travel questions
 - Non-contact temperature check
 - Apply hand sanitizer and mask check
- Everyone (Scouts and adults) will bring and wear masks at all times
- Everyone will bring and use hand sanitizer throughout the meeting

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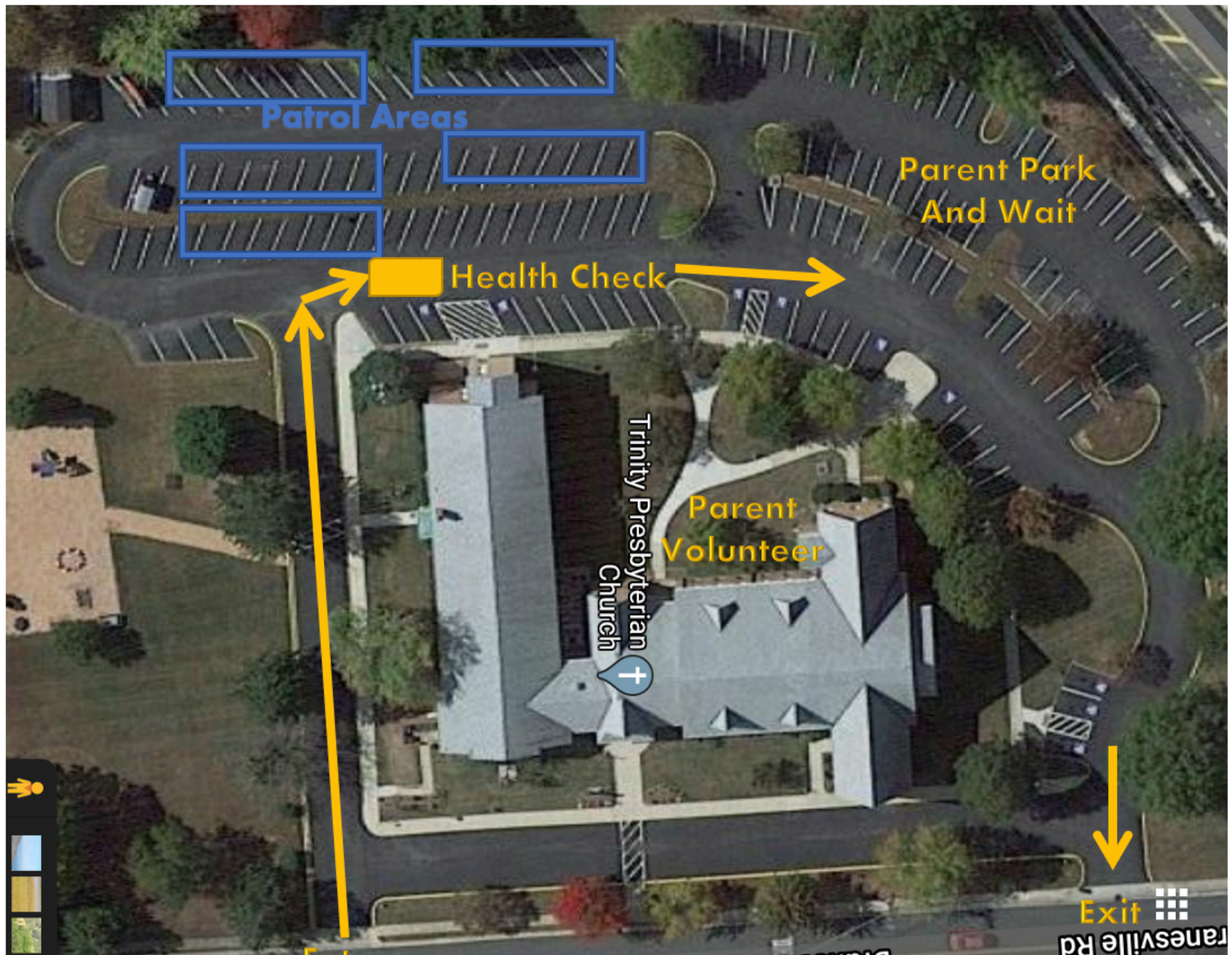
- Everyone will bring and use hand sanitizer throughout the meeting
- Scouts will stay in their marked areas throughout the meeting
- Social Distancing will be enforced by adults - Scouts will focus on leading the activity
- Any Scout who refuses to follow the safety rules will be removed from the meeting immediately
- Parents must be available to take their Scout from the meeting
- This applies to adults too

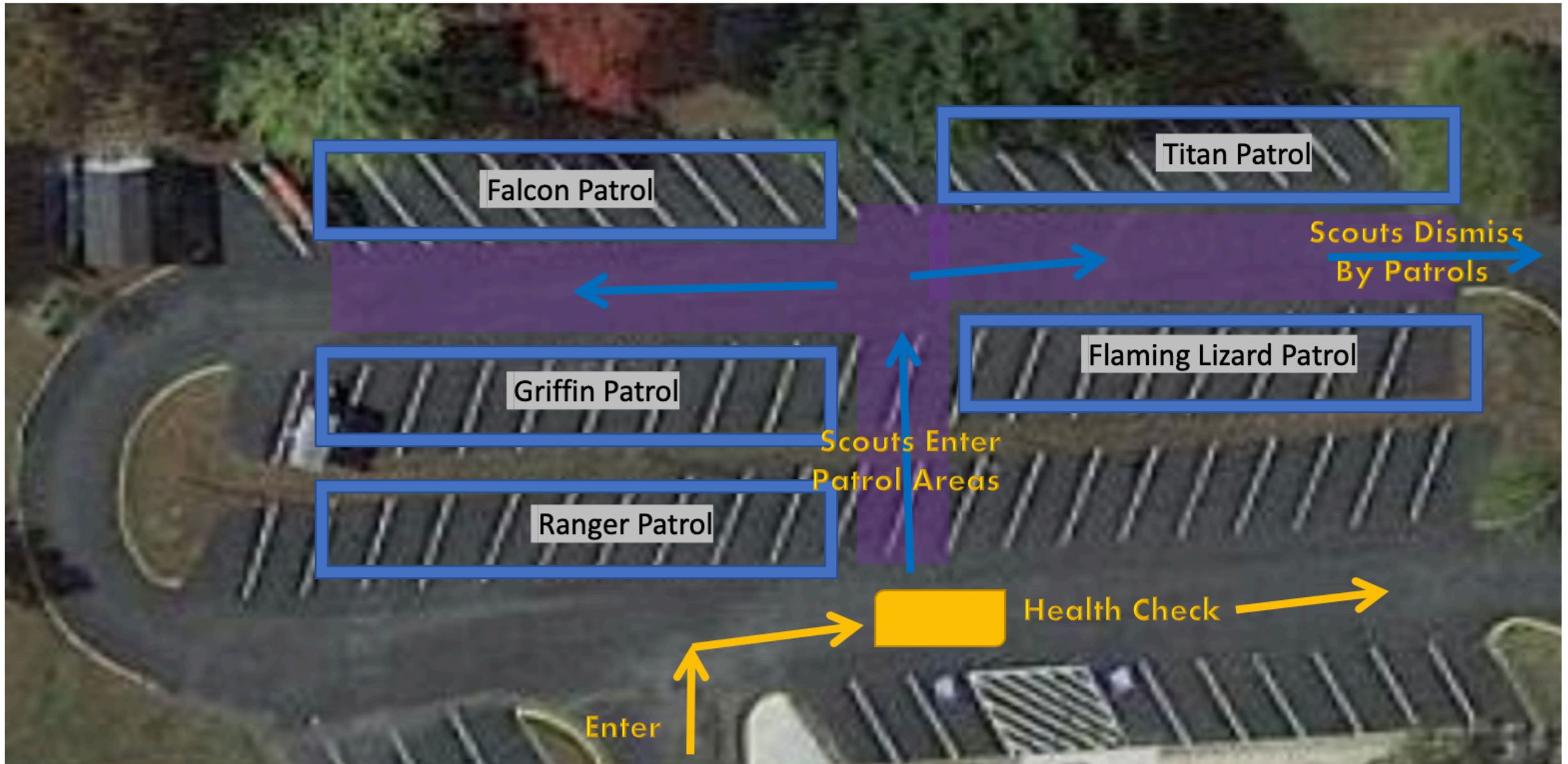
Change in National/State/Local Health Requirements

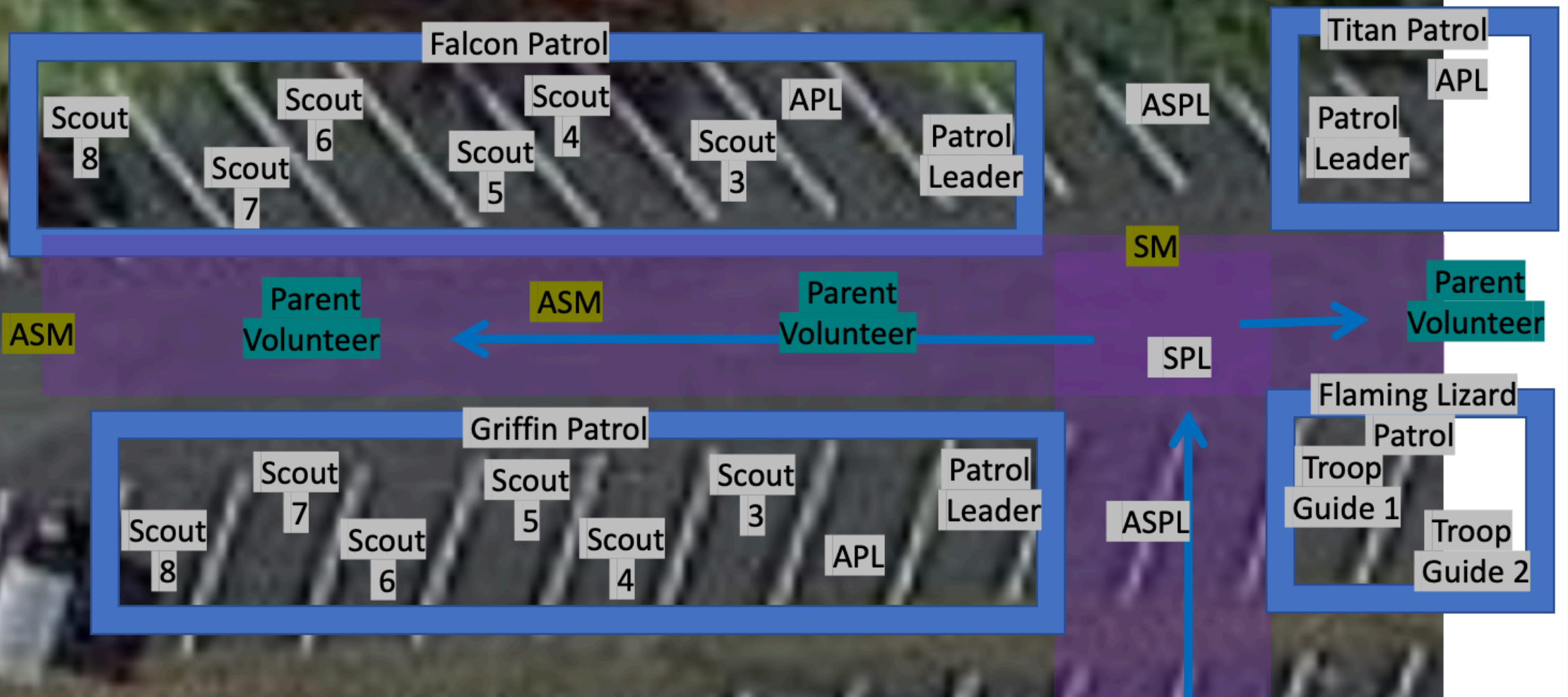
- Virginia is currently in Phase 3
- Virginia's rules on outdoor sports
[<https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus/forwardvirginia/faq/>]
 - Indoor and outdoor recreational sports may occur if 10 feet of physical distancing can be maintained by instructors, participants, and spectators, where practicable. Sports where 10 feet of physical distancing cannot be sustained cannot take place unless the sport can be modified to allow physical distancing. This applies during instruction, practice, and during competitive events. Competition that involves close contact with other athletes must be avoided.
- If any negative changes are enacted that affect Northern Virginia/Fairfax County, we will revert to virtual meetings

Weather

- In the event of possible inclement weather
 - A decision will be made by 5:00pm on the night of the meeting
 - Information will be distributed via Constant Contact email (same as the newsletter)
 - A Virtual Meeting will be held that evening at 7:15pm
 - The PLC is working on back-up virtual meeting plans
- In the event of a surprise weather event during a meeting
 - Scouts will be dismissed to their parent's cars
 - Scouts with no parent present will be spaced 6 feet apart along the hallways in the basement of the Church







Errata

- The Troop respects that each family has their own level of comfort with regards to safety
- No Scout will lose time as active or in leadership position with regards to rank if they choose not to attend in-person meetings
- Scouts are encouraged to attend all virtual meetings
- These policies and procedures may change if we discover safer ways to hold in-person meetings



Questions and Discussion