

Covid 19 and Upcoming Reenactments

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As we hopefully approach a season where we may be able to gather for some events once again, we wish to offer some thoughts around how to do this in the face of persistent COVID.

This will likely be a constantly changing dynamic throughout the season so a lot of this is in regards to looking ahead to the Longwoods event.

First and foremost, we want it to be known that it is all right to be uncomfortable and uncertain around your personal willingness to attend an event.

We do not want anyone to put themselves in a position of risk, nor to feel pressure to attend an event with which they are not comfortable. If you are unsure about your willingness to attend, then do know it is all right to stay away until conditions allow you to feel more at ease.

Even though this is an outdoor event, we are bringing a number of people together in close proximity during a time when there is a highly contagious variant circulating.

Please know as a staff we are not in a position to create or enforce mandates. We cannot require proof of vaccination or require masking. We also believe it will be very difficult if not impossible for host sites to do the same. However it is entirely within the rights of units to set their own rules and requirements.

We are looking to ways to respect unit efforts to manage their personal safety. In consideration of that we offer:

As individual units know that:

- It is possible to have a mask requirement when not firing
- It is possible to adapt a more widely dispersed order to achieve distancing within an unit

As a battalion:

- We will not use a traditional fall-in parade
- Units will form in their streets in their choice of order (traditional or a dispersed order)
- We will inspect units in their street (wearing a mask while in close proximity)
- Units will be directed to march on their own to their position on the battlefield for drill or tactical demonstrations
- Units that wish to employ a dispersed order can do so during drill or tacticals. We will keep distancing between units.

As individuals we ask:

- If you have access to rapid/antigen tests, please test yourself prior to the event
- If feeling any symptoms at all, please do not come to the event!
- Try to maintain distancing whenever possible
- Respect other individual's choices and level of comfort

We are hopeful that with being outdoors, and employing some basic cautions and allowances, we can strive for as safe an event as possible.

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