

Atlantian COVID-19 Requirements

This plan outlines the safety standards and procedures the Kingdom of Atlantia will be following in order to allow official SCA in-person events and activities. It does not obligate any branch to hold, or individual to attend, any activity. **This plan is effective September 13, 2021** for all official branch activities and events and is approved by the Crown, Kingdom Seneschal, and Great Officers. Expect further revisions to this document, as necessary.

We will continue to assess the pandemic environment and make changes going forward as needed, to relax or tighten existing restrictions as the situation allows. No matter what safety precautions we put in place, there is no substitute for each individual being educated about the risk to themselves and their loved ones, and making responsible choices to protect themselves and others from this virus.

Attendees must abide by all mandated venue, state, district and local rules and restrictions (“Mandated Requirements”).

When there is a discrepancy between Mandated Requirements and SCA restrictions, follow the more restrictive requirement.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

There are no SCA restrictions on event or activity size **unless the Mandated Requirements for venue, local, district or state guidelines are more restrictive**. For example, some local and state governments do not allow gatherings above a certain size. Those restrictions must be followed and enforced.

Mandated Requirements include the use of masks indoors for everyone over age 2 regardless of vaccination status. Masks are required outdoors whenever required by the CDC, venue, state, or local requirements. Masks are encouraged outdoors for everyone over age 2, consider wearing a mask in crowded outdoor settings, such as court or under a dayshade, and for activities with close contact with others. All individuals wearing facemasks should do so correctly, covering the mouth and nose. **Unvaccinated persons** over age 2 are expected to wear masks, especially when outdoors near people who don’t live in your household. While the SCA does not require proof of vaccination, unvaccinated persons are on their honor to wear masks in accordance to SCA, Atlantia and CDC guidelines. Branches can set stricter safety requirements, such as always requiring masks, than the Kingdom, if they choose. Please notify the Kingdom Seneschal if your branch is considering this option. In addition, these restrictions must be consistent across all activities in each category (indoor or outdoor) in the branch. The CDC guidelines can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>.

In Atlantia an **'Event'** is a registered official event on the Atlantia Kingdom Calendar, an **'Activity'** is an A&S, business meeting, marshalled practices, etc. announced via any local official SCA medium whether Facebook, elist or newsletter.

Event and activity staff cannot provide 'water bearing' of any kind. For the purpose of this document 'water bearing' is defined as providing water to individuals from a shared source (squirt bottles/shared bottles). Water may be given out in individual sealed water bottles. Multi-gallon **self-serve** water coolers may be made available for filling individual personal drink containers. Attendees **are encouraged to** provide their own food and beverages. Attendees who accept shared drinking containers or buffet-style food from other attendees do so at their own risk. Third-party food trucks are allowed. An event may choose to provide paper cups to avoid personal drinking vessels from accidentally coming into contact with the spigot of a water cooler.

Feasts and day boards will be allowed, with the following restrictions:

- All Cooks will be masked indoors or outside,
- Servers will be masked and gloved,
- When practical, event and feast stewards are strongly encouraged to move feasts outdoors,
- No pitchers or shared drinks will be served at tables,
- Seating is encouraged to be limited to close relationship 'family' members per table,
- Tables must be a **minimum** of 8 feet apart,
- Every feast steward will have an "expediter" whose job it is to ensure separation between the feast crew and populace,
- Every feast shall have enough servers to ensure that the populace is not retrieving their own food.

All Events in Atlantia require pre-registration. The SCA reservation system (SCA-RS) is available online for pre-paid registrations. SCA-RS is encouraged but not required for prepaid preregistrations; cash, money orders, and checks, may still be used. **Groups must offer attendees the ability to pay via check, cash, or money order in addition to SCA-RS. While Pre-payment requirements are in effect each group is encouraged to have at least 2 pre-reservations for newcomers, these newcomer pre-reservations cannot be paid for out of SCA funds.** Pre-payment is required to minimize contact with the event check-in staff. Sites requiring proof of vaccination may only be used if approved by the SCA Corporate office. Contact the Kingdom Seneschal to request a variance if your group wants to host an activity or event at a site requiring vaccination proof.

Camping and weekend (2 night maximum) events are allowed in Atlantia, where permitted by modern authorities.

The **SCA Event sign** (see below – page 4) must be printed and prominently displayed at the entrance to **all SCA Events and Activities** (Events, business meetings, A&S activities and martial practices). This language is **required** to appear on all event notices, flyers, online

announcements, and advertisements, including event gate [Registration], and must be posted in multiple locations at any and all SCA-sponsored functions going forward.

All individuals attending Activities and Events (marshalled practice, A&S, business meetings, Events, etc.) **must provide both a modern legal name and contact information** on the **Sign In Sheet for Activities** (see below – page 5), or **Event check in** (pre-registration/troll). If they do not provide this information, they may not attend. The **Sign In Sheet** is to facilitate official government health agencies with contact tracing for activities, and will be supplied only if requested by those agencies. No-one in the SCA will be contacting anyone if the information has been requested by a health agency; it will be the agencies that do all notification. The sign in sheet will be kept for 60 days in a secure location by the Seneschal of the local group. After which it should be destroyed by shredding or burning, NOT recycled or thrown in ordinary trash.

We strongly encourage events to continue safety practices like having plenty of hand sanitizer throughout the event, having some disposable masks on hand, cleaning high-touch areas etc. We also strongly encourage event staff to wear masks, even if they are fully vaccinated, so that all attendees can feel more comfortable returning to events. Safety measures should be described in the event listing for better transparency with the populace.

All attendees at marshalled practices or events must prove they have a signed waiver on file at the SCA corporate office (proof of membership) or they must sign the standard SCA waiver. Remember to turn in waivers to the **Kingdom waiver deputy** on schedule.

Do not join any activity if you are exhibiting symptoms related to COVID-19 such as fever, sore throat, cough, headaches, body aches, or sudden loss of taste or smell.

The requirements of this plan are mandatory and branch officers or activity coordinators must enforce the requirements. Because COVID-19 virus circulation varies in communities, these requirements are meant to supplement – not replace – any state, local, or tribal health and safety laws, rules, and regulations with which gatherings must comply.

The SCA has always been built on the ideals of chivalry and courtesy. We expect that people will continue to display these values at all times, and respect an individual's personal choices regarding their own health and safety. As we continue to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic there will undoubtedly be bumps, and yet we know our Kingdom will continue to thrive and grow as it has for the past year. There are changes ahead, and new friends to be made, both in the Virtual Atlantia world and in-person. Vivat Atlantia!



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Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to try to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.



Der Doctor Says:

Stay Safe

Stay out of melee range. Cover your cough. Sanitize often.
Wash your hands. Avoid sharing goblets. Bows and curtsies.