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## **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 October 18, 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.

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

In addition to the normal sanctions process, anyone challenging event staff regarding the enforcement of this COVID policy shall be denied entry to or be immediately removed from the event or activity.

### **Proof of Fully Vaccinated Status or Negative COVID Test**

Effective October 18, 2021 the Kingdom of Atlantia will implement the SCA COVIDsafe policy requiring proof of COVID vaccination or a negative COVID test taken 72 hours or less before an event/activity start time for all event and activity attendees. Proof of being fully vaccinated must be in the form of a government issued card (original or photograph) or an electronic record. Proof of vaccination or

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a negative COVID test shall not be required for children under 12. Children 3-11 must wear a mask.

Proof of negative COVID test must be issued from a licensed medical provider and presented in such paper form or electronic form that the event staff can verify its authenticity. Letterhead from a medical provider or an email address clearly identifying the medical provider as the sender of an electronic record shall constitute authentic proof.

All persons over the age of 18 must present government issued photo identification along with the proof of being fully vaccinated or a negative COVID test. Parents and guardians of minors must present their own identification along with proof of being fully vaccinated or a negative COVID test for all minors attending an event in their care.

In addition to the normal sanctions process, anyone challenging event staff regarding the enforcement of this COVID policy shall be denied entry to or be immediately removed from the event. Please read the SCA FAQ's for commonly asked questions.

### **Mask Requirements**

Masks are required for age 3-11 both outdoors and indoors. Masks are required indoors for everyone age 3 and up regardless of vaccination/negative Covid test status. Masks are required outdoors for everyone age 12 and up in close contact especially when outdoors near people who don't live in your household. Wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings (masks may be removed briefly for eating or drinking), such as court or under a day shade, and for activities with close contact with others. Masks are required outdoors whenever required by the CDC, venue, state, or local requirements. All individuals wearing facemasks should do so correctly, covering the mouth and nose. Unvaccinated persons are on their honor to wear masks in accordance to SCA, Atlantia and CDC guidelines. The CDC guidelines can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/>

### **Food and Drink Requirements**

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, if the populace is retrieving food to serve their table they must 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 should have an "expediter" whose job it is to ensure separation between the feast crew and populace.

### **Pre-Reservation Requirements**

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 may offer attendees the ability to pay via check, cash, or money order in addition to SCA-RS. While Prepayment 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. Camping and weekend (2 night maximum) events are allowed in Atlantia, where permitted by modern authorities.

Contact the Kingdom Seneschal to request a variance if your group wants to host an activity or event at a site requiring ONLY proof of negative Covid Tests.

### **Document Requirements**

The **SCA Health Notice sign** (see below – page 7) 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.

The Kingdom may have multiple people at gate checking the proof of being fully vaccinated or a negative COVID test at an event. The event organizer, or their designee, shall maintain a list of names and times of the person(s) conducting the check at the entrance. Everyone who does this check in will sign a statement with the list of names and times, see the **COVIDsafe Check in Register** (see below page 5). Send these sheets to the Kingdom waiver deputy.

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All individuals attending Activities and Events (marshaled 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 6), 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. Safety measures should be described in the event listing for better transparency with the populace.

All attendees at marshaled 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.

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 virtually and personally.

Vivat Atlantia!

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**COVIDSafe Check in Register**

**This register is to be signed by each person checking ID and Covid vaccination proof or Negative Covid Test Proof. No minors (under 18) may check Vaccinations or Tests.**

*"I have monitored the event entrance at the times noted above, and I have verified that each person entering the event during that time has shown me proper identification, along with either proof of being fully vaccinated or a negative COVID test taken within 72 hours of the start of the event."*

DATE OF ACTIVITY \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF ACTIVITY COORDINATOR \_\_\_\_\_

**LEGAL NAME - SIGN**

**CONTACT INFORMATION - NAME/PHONE NUMBER/EMAIL    TIME**

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(Send to Kingdom Waiver Deputy)

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**SIGN IN SHEET FOR ATTENDEES**

The responsible party for this activity MUST collect a name and contact information for each attendee upon arrival at the activity site. If the attendee refuses to provide this information they may not remain at the site. In addition, valid proof of membership or a signed waiver is still required for all martial activities. This sheet is to be used for contact tracing if necessary. The sheet is to be turned over to the Branch Seneschal, after the activity and kept for 60 days. Then shredded or destroyed on day 61.

DATE OF ACTIVITY \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF ACTIVITY COORDINATOR \_\_\_\_\_

**LEGAL NAME - PRINT**

**CONTACT INFORMATION - PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL**

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SCA Health Notice



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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.**



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