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Dear Druhny and Druhowie,

We want to acknowledge your continuing efforts to provide creative and safe scouting activities during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The RMT also wishes to remind everyone that Phase 2 guidelines as set out in Komunikat #6 (dated August 25, 2020) continue to be in effect, without change. Only virtual and outdoor activities are permitted, within the limits previously communicated, **as long as local public health restrictions are complied with. No indoor activities are permitted. No activities involving an overnight component are permitted.**

Please remember to **maintain cohorts of max. 8 persons at all activities.** A cohort is a group of participants (szóstka, zastęp, 1 or 2 patrole) of up to 8 individuals who interact with one another during a scouting activity. Two or three cohorts may congregate in one location under the overall supervision of the appropriate number of supervisors in accordance with our policies, but each cohort must remain distanced from other cohorts, so that if one member of their cohort reports symptoms or requires testing following an activity, only the other members of the cohort will need to be notified and possibly tested. Maintaining cohorts streamlines contact tracing and is recommended by experts as a strategy to minimize risk of community spread.

In the past couple of weeks, provincial governments and public health units across this country have announced re-opening plans that outline a gradual loosening of restrictions on public activities and on the size of outdoor gatherings. Please remember that cohorts of up to 8 participants must be maintained even when local public health rules permit larger groups to gather, and that when two or three cohorts congregate in one location, cohorts must remain distanced from one another. Please also remember that public health and provincial rules regarding the number of people permitted to gather in a group must be interpreted to include all leaders and parent supervisors/onlookers, in addition to participants taking part in the scouting activity.

Thank you for your continued commitment and dedication over the past 15 months in providing safe programs and activities to all our participants.

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