The following are guidelines for participating in virtual merit badge sessions in lieu of personal face-to-face instruction due to special circumstances. Each circumstance should be considered by the Council Advancement Committee and unit leader.

As a Scout:
- I agree that in order for me to begin a merit badge in a virtual setting, I must request and obtain my unit leader's permission.
- I agree that I will only work and connect with merit badge counselor virtually with my parents’ permission.
- I agree that when communicating with my virtual merit badge counselor I will ALWAYS ensure that at least one other adult is present in those communications, whether it be via video conference, email, text, phone call or any other form not specifically listed here.
- I promise that I will actually and personally complete each project and fulfill all requirements for the merit badges that I request instruction and counseling in a virtual setting.
- I understand that if a requirement uses words like “show,” “demonstrate,” or “discuss,” I agree that I must be prepared to exhibit those requirements through the use of electronic or digital technology. If I am unable to do such, I must wait until such a time as I can present those requirements to the merit badge counselor or my unit leader in person.
- I promise that I will not abuse the privilege that I have been given to conduct a merit badge in a virtual setting. I will not bully, or otherwise disparage, any scout that may be in a virtual setting with me, and understand that if I do so this privilege may be revoked and I may not be allowed to continue in this setting.

As a Parent:
- I agree to allow my scout to engage with youth and adults in a virtual setting while working on a virtual merit badge.
- I understand that my scout will be required to interact and communicate with an adult in virtual setting and that I will monitor such interaction as necessary to ensure the safety of all individuals involved in those activities.
- I agree to ensure that my scout actually and personally completes all projects and requirements for the merit badges which are requested to be performed in a virtual setting.
- I agree that upon reading the information expressed in this “Virtual Merit Badge Guidelines” and “Important excerpts from the Guide To Advancement - 2019, No. 33088”, that I will communicate that both I and my scout agree to follow these guidelines through email with the merit badge counselor and my scout’s unit leader.