



COVID Girl and Adult In-Person Participation Guidance and Waiver

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Instructions: Read the information thoroughly. If you decide to attend an in-person event or decide that your girl will attend, sign the *COVID Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability* on page three. Provide the signed waiver to the troop leader or event organizer. Follow all safety requirements outlined below.

The [California Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) (effective 8/31/2020) is the basis for permitting in-person activities hosted by volunteers. Parents and volunteers should consult this guidance to decide whether or not to attend an in-person Girl Scout meeting or event or to allow their girl attend.

Preventing exposure to COVID-19 cannot be guaranteed. Even when following health and safety precautions, the risk of exposure and illness exists at in-person gatherings, meetings, and events. If you decide to participate or allow your girl to participate in an in-person activity, you assume full responsibility. Responsibility includes risk of illness, loss, liability, or death, and any costs that result from taking part in the meeting or event.

It is up to the volunteers, parents, caregivers, and guardians to decide to attend or to allow their girl to attend any in-person Girl Scout meeting or event. Volunteers and families are responsible for ensuring that all applicable public health requirements for holding in-person gatherings are met and followed.

1. Deciding to attend. Girls and other participants should stay home if they have:

- Any signs of illness such as sneezing, coughing, sniffles, fever (current or in the previous 14 days), chills, repeated shaking/shivering, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, feeling unusually weak or fatigued, new loss of taste or smell, muscle pain, headache, runny or congested nose, diarrhea, or are not feeling well.
- Been exposed to a person with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19.
- Been diagnosed with COVID-19 and not yet cleared as noncontagious by state or local public health authorities.
- A high-risk person in their family or household (such as persons over 60 or with a chronic medical condition) for whom they do not want to create any increased risk of exposure.

2. At the event. Follow all local [health and safety requirements and best practices](#) for staying safe during an in-person gathering, including:

- Arranging your own transportation to the meeting or event for your girl and/or yourself. Only girls living in the same household may ride in a car together.
- Bringing and using your own face mask, which should cover your nose and mouth. The mask must be worn at all times, except for briefly eating or drinking. A plastic face shield does not replace the need for a mask. Bring other desired personal protective equipment (PPE) appropriate for the activity. Sharing PPE is prohibited.
- Maintaining the required social distancing, except when safety concerns dictate closer proximity. This sadly means no hugs, high-fives, or friendship circles. Note that counties have set different social distance requirements.
- Avoiding sharing equipment or materials. Sanitize any items that must be shared between users.
- Bringing your own food and drink. No shared food or beverage preparation or service is allowed.
- Washing hands frequently, especially between touching high-contact areas. Use soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If handwashing facilities are not available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Reviewing and follow any other rules or requirements established by your troop leader or the event organizer for keeping all attendees safe. Rules may include where/when to drop off or pick up girls to avoid waiting in tight spaces, staying in specific areas to maintain social distancing, or other limits on participation.
- Knowing the organizer's contingency plan if the meeting or event needs to change or be cancelled to adapt to changing conditions. Be sure your emergency contact information is up-to-date and you are available for contact during any event.

2. After the event. Follow these steps if you, your girl, or anyone in your household has a positive COVID-19 test following attendance at a Girl Scout meeting or event and has potentially exposed other attendees:

- Contact GSSD staff immediately. Our staff will communicate with the parents or other troop members to protect everyone's health, safety, and privacy. Please notify accidentreporting@sdgirlscouts.org or call 619-298-8391.
- If on a weekend or after business hours, please call our emergency line: 800-643-4798. Press 2 when prompted.
- GSSD staff will be responsible for next steps, including contacting the health department and ensuring other participants are notified of exposure, as required. Please do not share personal health information with others.

For more information on COVID-19 and Girl Scouts, please visit our [Staying Connected](#) page.

If you have questions as you consider your options and plans, please contact GSSD via email to customer care@sdgirlscouts.org or by phone at 619-298-8391.



COVID Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability

I acknowledge the contagious nature of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 (COVID) and that the Centers for Disease Control and many other public health authorities recommend practicing social distancing, face coverings, and other measures.

I further acknowledge that Girl Scouts San Diego (GSSD) has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID, including providing guidance to volunteers who wish to host in-person experiences.

I understand that GSSD cannot guarantee that the members of my household listed below will not become infected with COVID. I acknowledge that the risk to the members of my household becoming exposed to and/or infected by COVID may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, GSSD staff, volunteers, community partners, visitors, other participants, or their families.

I voluntarily seek services provided by GSSD for the members of my household listed below, and acknowledge that these members may be increasing their/our risk of exposure to COVID. I acknowledge that the members of the household must comply with all set procedures adopted by GSSD in an effort to reduce the likelihood of exposure and/or spread of COVID. I accept that these procedures require that I notify GSSD immediately if any member of my household listed below receives a positive COVID test result, by emailing accidentreporting@sdgirlscouts.org or by calling 800-643-4798. I understand that my/our identity will be kept confidential.

I hereby release and agree to hold GSSD harmless from, and waive on behalf of myself, members of the household listed below, my heirs, and any personal representatives, any and all causes of action, claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, and compensation for damage or loss to myself and/or property that may be caused by any act, or failure to act, of GSSD, or that may otherwise arise in any way in connection with any services provided by GSSD. I understand that this release discharges GSSD from any liability or claim that I, the members of my household, my heirs, or any personal representatives may have against GSSD with respect to any bodily injury, illness, death, medical treatment, or property damage that may arise from, or in connection to, any services received from GSSD. This liability waiver and release extends to GSSD together with all owners, partners, and employees.

My name (printed): _____ Date: _____

My name (signature): _____ Date: _____

Household address: _____

Printed names and signatures of any other adults who will participate in in-person Girl Scout activities:

Names of minors in the household who will participate in in-person Girl Scout activities:

