

COVID-19 Vaccinations

FAQs for Parents and Volunteers

January 2022

- 1. Do volunteers need to be vaccinated before they can meet in person with girls?**
Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) strongly encourages but does not require volunteers to be vaccinated in order to meet in person with girls.
- 2. Can council staff members inquire about the vaccination status of volunteers?**
Girl Scouts San Diego understands that getting vaccinated is a personal decision. We will not inquire about a volunteer's vaccination status. We also encourage our staff and members to respect the privacy of fellow members and their families.
- 3. Can parents/caregivers ask about the vaccination status of volunteers?**
Parents/caregivers may ask. However, volunteers are not obligated to disclose their vaccination status.
- 4. Can a volunteer ask another volunteer about vaccination status?** Volunteers are not obligated to disclose their vaccination status to others in the troop. Volunteers should not discuss the healthcare decisions of other volunteers.
- 5. Can parents/caregivers or volunteers ask about the vaccination status of council staff and camp staff?**
Parents/caregivers may ask. However, staff members are not obligated to disclose their vaccination status. Girl Scouts San Diego strongly encourages all staff members who are eligible to become vaccinated.
- 6. Can parents/caregivers ask other parents/caregivers about the vaccination status of girls in the troop?**
Parents/caregivers who are open to discussing vaccinations can have a discussion with others who are also open to the conversation. However, parents/caregivers are not obligated to share medical information. Girl Scouts San Diego encourages parents/caregivers to respect the privacy of other families and girls in the troop.
- 7. Can councils or troop leaders require girls to be vaccinated before they attend in-person activities?**
COVID-19 vaccines are not expected to become available for children before the end of 2021. Girl Scouts San Diego will follow the state regulations for public schools and provide guidance to volunteers based on these protocols.
- 8. Are volunteers who have been vaccinated required to practice the safety protocols recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)?**
Yes. To protect all of our members, their families, and the communities we serve, Girl Scouts San Diego encourages all members (including those who have been vaccinated) to practice the health and safety protocols recommended by the CDC. These include social distancing, washing hands frequently, and wearing masks.
- 9. What if vaccinations are required for travel?**
A vaccine may be required for certain activities or locations. In these cases, participants will need to get vaccinated or provide an appropriate exemption, and the organizer will need to ask about and confirm vaccine status.