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Dear Girl Scout Families,

As you may know, last week Governor Newsome declared a state of emergency in California in response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus. Although this can sound a bit scary, please note that to date there has been no threat escalation; this move serves as a financial preventive measure and will allow California to apply for federal funds should there be a need.

That said, our GSGLA COVID-19 Response Team is continuing to closely monitor developments regarding the Coronavirus. We are working with you to [keep our Girl Scouts community safe](#) and have provided a web page with information on how [here](#). We have also created a special COVID-19 email address to help answer your questions efficiently: COVID19@girlscoutsla.org. You are encouraged to send COVID-19 inquiries to this address.

The response team reviews updates from the CDC and LA County resources *daily* and convenes often. We understand the concern surrounding possible impacts of our events and programs, especially.

Regarding GSGLA events:

We are updating our decision-making daily. Similar to schools, we are paying close attention to local guidance and are following all preventative measures. Should there be an event at risk of cancellation or postponement, we will communicate via email to all registrants immediately upon decision.

Regarding troop or service unit events:

For events that troops, groups, and service units are attending or hosting, we encourage volunteers, caregivers, and girls to use their best judgement in making decisions. Should you choose to move forward, we encourage you to find the best ways to ensure participants/your groups have access to the [preventive measures suggested by the CDC](#), such as access to hand washing stations or bathrooms or to hand sanitizer.

There is nothing we take more seriously than the safety and wellbeing of our girls, volunteers, and staff, and we are taking all possible and appropriate measure to ensure girls have a safe experience at Girl Scouts.

Again, we are working diligently to communicate any changes in our services or programs. Please continue to check your email for information and alerts.

Yours in Girl Scouts,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Theresa Edy Kiene".

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