

All Member Troop Activity Guidelines

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Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles recognizes that the COVID-19 health crisis is a fluid situation, and we continue to monitor the guidelines provided by the state and local agencies.

On June 15, the state of California announced its plans for the reopening of the state from the COVID-19 pandemic. GSGLA has reviewed the state's guidelines and have made the following updates. Please use the below guidelines to assist you in deciding how you can host in-person troop and service unit meetings or activities while following all applicable health and safety guidelines using the [California Blue Print for a Safer Economy](#).

If you and each member of your troop have been fully vaccinated:

- You can resume allowable Girl Scout activities. Please refer to [Safety Activity Checkpoints](#).
- According to Los Angeles County of Department of Public Health, if you are fully vaccinated, you are not required to wear a mask, except in places where EVERYONE is required to wear a mask. You may want to keep your vaccine record handy as businesses can ask for proof of vaccination. Please refer to the LA County [WhenToWearAMask.pdf](#) for additional guidance.
- **Fully vaccinated** refers to a person who is 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine. There is currently no post-vaccination time limit on full-vaccinated status.

If you or a member of your troop have NOT been fully vaccinated, are ineligible for vaccinations (under the age of 12) or if someone's vaccination status is unknown:

- You may participate in regular troop meetings and activities, provided that masks are worn at all times except during eating/drinking.
- **In-person troop meetings and activities are no longer limited to the 14 girl:2 adult ratio.** Please refer to [Volunteer Essentials Ch. 2 page 36](#) for appropriate troop girl to adult ratios.
- Protect yourself and others by wearing a mask that fits snugly against the sides of your face and does not have gaps.
- A mask is NOT a substitute for [social distancing](#). Masks should still be worn in addition to staying at least 3-6 feet apart (3 ft apart; 6 ft while eating or drinking).
- You can participate in overnight camping provided each camper adheres to the 75% tent capacity. (Example, an 8-person tent would not exceed 6 occupants).
- Troops are permitted to travel outside of their home county to a county classified in the "Orange" tier or lower with an approved high-risk and SEME application.
 - Please Note: **At this time, carpooling is not recommended yet allowed when social distancing can occur (including mask wearing and ventilation with windows ajar. When possible, individual families should accompany their daughters during troop travel and drop off and pick up their own girls from meetings or activities).**
 - **Hotel stays are allowed provided that each room does not exceed 75% capacity.**
 - Domestic public travel is allowed with [CDC](#) recommendations.
 - International travel is not permitted for fully **unvaccinated** troops.

- You may participate in online programs and other hands-on and self-guided activities. Girl Scouts at Home represents a new way to participate in the Girl Scout experience!
- **Unvaccinated** refers to a person who does not fit the definition of “fully vaccinated”, including people whose vaccination status is not known.

Service Units

- Service Units can host outdoor in-person events, like bridging events, service unit day camps, service unit campouts.
- Have conversations with guests ahead of time to set expectations for a safe gathering.
- Encourage everyone to use masks and have extra unused masks available for your guests.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and items between use.

Please adhere to all health and safety guidelines and follow the recommendations in the [GSGLA In-Person Activity Guidance handout](#).

**Please note it is not mandatory for girls or parents to meet in person. Please be mindful and provide a blended meeting option for girls/families that are not able to participate in person. Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles (GSGLA) reserves the right to cancel any or all meetings/events previously approved based on guidance and/or changes from the California Department of Public Health or LA County Department of Public Health.*

Next Steps

To assist with setting expectations and providing meeting guidelines for our girls, volunteers, families, and staff, we have implemented several new forms and protocols for the 2020-2021 Girl Scout year. To fill and download forms, get more information on COVID-19 safety protocols and Girl Scouts, please visit the [COVID-19 Updates page](#). If you have questions, please contact GSGLA at customercare@girlscoutsla.org or 213-213-0123.

For more than a century, Girl Scouts have weathered difficult times the same way year after year-together. Whether it is from our individual homes in virtual meetings or meeting safely distanced outside for the first time in quite a while, our Girl Scout Connection remains a point of hope, inspiration, and strength. Stay safe, Girl Scouts!