

## All Member Troop Activity Guidelines

Updated: July 20, 2021

Effective July 17, 2021, until further notice, Los Angeles County announced that they are requiring **everyone to wear a mask** while in an indoor setting, **regardless of vaccination status**.

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.

GSGLA's updated protocol regardless of vaccination status:

- Troops **are required** to wear a mask – INDOORS.
- Protect yourself and others by wearing a mask that fits snugly against the sides of your face and does not have gaps.
- Troops are **NOT** required to wear a mask – OUTDOORS. We strongly recommend that you continue to exercise caution and good judgement as community transmission of COVID-19 is rising.

### ACTIVITIES:

- You may participate in regular troop meetings and activities, provided masks are worn at all times indoors, except during eating/drinking or activities that do not permit mask use (Example, masks are not required during swimming or sleeping).
- Please refer to Volunteer Essentials Ch. 2 page 36 for appropriate troop girl to adult ratios. In-person troop meetings and activities are no longer limited to the 14 girls:2 adult ratio.
- You can participate in indoor overnights and camping provided 75% capacity is not exceeded. (Example, an 8-person tent would not exceed 6 occupants; A multi-purpose room with a 40 person room capacity would not exceed 30 occupants).
  - It is recommended that sleeping arrangements are positioned in a head-to-toe fashion.
- Please Note: **At this time, carpooling is not recommended yet allowed (mask wearing and ventilation with windows ajar strongly suggested) and 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 and International travel is allowed with [CDC](#) recommendations.
- 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.

### SERVICE UNITS

- Service Units can host outdoor in-person events, like bridging events, service unit day camps, and campouts. Masks are required for all indoor meetings and events.
- Have conversations with guests ahead of time to set expectations for a safe gathering.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and items between use.



*\*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](mailto: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!