



Returning to In-Person Activities

Covid-19 Guidance for Volunteers

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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. We recognize that things are difficult right now and many troops are connecting virtually, we encourage you to continue to do so. **Effective Monday, March 1st, a leader/troop can meet in-person following the In-person Guidelines.** We want to support you by providing options to allow your troop to connect – virtually and or in-person. GSGLA recommends a blended approach, connecting virtually and in-person; this allows all members of a troop to participate in a way that is comfortable for the girl and her family.

COVID-19 is an extremely contagious virus that spreads easily in the community. It is extremely important that we take all reasonable precautions to limit potential exposure for girls, volunteers, and families. As COVID-19 infection rates rise and fall in different regions, guidance and developments will vary. GSGLA follows Los Angeles County, California Department of Public Health, and national health directives daily and will revise guidance as circumstances change.

At this time, limited* outdoor in-person troop meetings (*limited to 14 girls and 2 adults), outdoor in-person parent meetings, and outdoor in-person service unit leader meetings are permitted in a limited capacity.

What *can* Girl Scouts do now?

- **You may participate in outdoor limited in-person troop meetings.** A troop or group can gather regularly with no more than **14 girls and 2 adults**. All parents/guardians are required to complete an updated parent permission form prior to any in-person meeting. GSGLA recommends a blended troop meeting option, i.e., week one is outdoor in-person, week two is conducted virtually. This option will allow for all to participate in a pathway that best meets their comfort level.
- **You may participate in outdoor limited in-person parent meetings and service unit leader meetings.** GSGLA recommends a continued virtual meeting option in addition to in-person meetings, to allow for all to participate in a pathway that best meets their comfort level.
- **You may participate in organized drive-thru experiences and events:** Many troops have participated in investitures, bridging and rededication ceremonies, and even mobile scavenger hunts and movie events; please follow all health and safety guidelines.
- **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!

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.*

Next Steps

To assist with the setting expectations and provide meeting guidelines for our girls, volunteers, families, and staff, we have implemented the following forms for the 2020-2021 girl scout year. (Please Note: Some forms are completed prior to your first in-person meeting and others are done at every meeting)

Step 1: Review the [GSGLA In-person Activity Guidance for Volunteers](#) document.

Step 2: Every member/girl/family that will meet in person must fill out the [GSGLA Member Agreement Participation Form](#).

Families can assist in helping to maintain a safe environment for all girls and volunteers. An agreement should be completed by families prior to the first in-person meeting. It outlines what families can expect and how they can help. *(A hard copy of this physical form will be maintained by troop leaders)*

Step 3: Complete the Assumption of Risk, Release, and Liability Related to COVID-19 eForm. (Link coming soon)

This eForm should be completed for each participant (girls and adults) who are attending in-person meetings, leaders will receive notification that troop members have completed it. If you have questions regarding completion, please contact covid19@girlscoutsla.org

Step 4: The member attending an in-person meeting/activity should complete the [Member Self-Screening Checklist](#) prior to attending.

Self-Screening questions to be completed prior to attendance at every in-person gathering to ensure that participants are following health screening guidelines. *(This information is NOT to be retained by troop/group/event leader and is for the participant only.)*

Step 5: [Print and have available the Troop/Service Unit In-person Meeting Activity Sign-In sheet](#).

This sheet is to be completed for each troop or service unit in-person gathering. It serves two purposes 1.) to indicate that participants acknowledge that screening guidelines have been met and 2.) serves as a roster of those who were physically present for event or activity *(This form is to be retained by meeting organizer, see details on form.)*

[GSGLA COVID-19 Notification Report](#)

Use this form to notify GSGLA if someone connected to your troop or service unit is diagnosed with COVID-19 and has potentially exposed others during a Girl Scout event or activity. To maintain the affected person's privacy, do not share health information with others; council staff will notify those potentially exposed in a manner consistent with healthcare privacy laws. After filling out the document, please email the completed form to covid19@girlscoutsla.org

For more information on COVID-19 safety 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.

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.