

## Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles Volunteer Activity Guidelines

Updated: March 9, 2022

Effective March 4, 2022, Los Angeles County **no longer requires indoor mask-wearing for both vaccinated and non-vaccinated individuals**, in alignment with the revised order issued by the County of Los Angeles – Department of Public Health. Along with LAUSD, which requires masks until March 11<sup>th</sup>, **GSGLA will no longer requires indoor mask requirements for our members as of Saturday March 12, 2022.**

Mask-wearing, however, will continue to be **“strongly recommended”**, particularly in crowded settings or while interacting with individuals at higher risk of severe illness from the virus.

Members are encouraged to assess their personal and family risks and may decide that wearing a mask is the right decision for them. In deciding, individuals should consider:

- Are there individuals in the household who have underlying health conditions that create elevated risk for severe illness from COVID?
- Are there unvaccinated family members in the household including young children not yet eligible for vaccines?
- Does anyone in the household work in a setting with vulnerable individuals at elevated risk of severe illness from COVID?

While the mask mandate is being lifted, the COVID virus still remains a threat. GSGLA will continue to monitor for any changes or revisions to COVID orders and mandates.

As we enter a new phase in the pandemic, marked by Los Angeles County’s movement into the CDC’s low community risk category, GSGLA is modifying the following guidelines.

### Vaccination and COVID-19 Testing

While we are committed to providing a safe and inclusive space for girls, volunteers, and our communities, Girl Scouts, as an organization is not mandating that girls or adult members be vaccinated to participate in any Girl Scout activity. However, dependent upon the venue or location of an event, meeting, or trip, members may be required to show proof of vaccination and/or a negative COVID-19 test to participate in that activity at the location. When possible, volunteers should seek opportunities that will not exclude girl members from participating based on vaccination status. In cases where a venue, city, county, or state has a mandate, troop leaders should inform all members of the mandate that they will be expected to follow by the entity.

### Troop and Service Unit Meetings

- Troops may not advertise that a troop is fully vaccinated, as Girl Scouts is an inclusive organization.
- Volunteers may ask a parent/guardian or volunteer to show proof of vaccination, or a negative COVID-19 test, however, a leader/volunteer may not require proof of vaccination.
- Members may be required to show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test to a venue mandating such proof.

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### Overnight Troop/Volunteer Events & Activities

- Leaders/volunteers may ask a parent/guardian or volunteer to show proof of vaccination, however, a leader/volunteer may not require proof of vaccination for day activities/events. However, members may be required to show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test to a venue mandating such proof.
- Leaders/volunteers may ask and require a parent/guardian or volunteer to provide a negative COVID-19 test result within 72 hours of an overnight activity.

### Masks

#### Indoors/Outdoors

- Masks are no longer required but are recommended particularly in crowded settings.
- Masks are NOT required outdoors, however, masks are recommended to be worn when an outdoor event is considered a crowded outdoor setting.

### Troop and Service Unit In-Person Meetings

#### In-Person Meeting Required Documents

- **In person meeting documents no longer required are:**
  - Member Agreement Participation form
  - GSGLA Assumption of Risk Waiver for In-Person Activities
- **Please continue to utilize 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 as a roster of those who were physically present for the event or activity for contact tracing purposes (This form is to be retained by meeting organizer, see details on form.)

#### Meal and Food Recommendations: Troop / Service Unit Meetings

- It is recommended to avoid any self-serve, shared food or drink options at Girl Scouts meetings or events.
- When possible, snacks should be limited to pre-packaged food items.

#### Meeting Space: Troop / Service Unit Meetings / Events

- There are no capacity limit restrictions for meetings (indoors/outdoors).

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### Indoor Overnights, Camping, and Travel

- At this time, restrictions have been rescinded. Please follow Safety Activity Checkpoints for indoor overnights, camping & travel procedures.

### Reporting a COVID exposure

- If someone connected to a troop or service unit has been exposed to or is diagnosed with COVID-19 and has potentially exposed others during a Girl Scout event or activity, please complete and submit a [COVID-19 Notification Report](#)
- After filling out the COVID-19 Notification Report, please scan or email the completed form to [covid19@girlscoutsla.org](mailto:covid19@girlscoutsla.org).
- A member of the GSGLA COVID-19 Task Force will contact the volunteer who submitted the notification form.
- The volunteer will be directed on the next steps to follow, including but not limited to:
  - a. Notifying the facility or homeowner where a troop/SU has met (whether indoors or outdoors).
  - b. Contacting the parents or volunteers of anyone who may have been exposed.
  - c. Receiving additional guidance (for example, quarantine timeline) if applicable.
- Should you have any questions, please email [covid19@girlscoutsla.org](mailto:covid19@girlscoutsla.org).

### Quarantine Recommendations

For the most up to date protocols regarding quarantine and isolation, please refer to home quarantine pdf the [LAC | DPH | COVID-19 Quarantine \(lacounty.gov\)](#)

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*\*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.*

*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!*