YOUR GUIDE TO SAFETY AND SUCCESS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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INTRODUCTION

This guide has been developed to help Girl Scouts, families and volunteers understand and follow GSOSW guidance for safe virtual and in-person Girl Scout activities, where allowed.

This is a dynamic document, updated frequently with new resources and information based on current health and safety metrics and the needs of GSOSW members. Please note the “Updated” date on the cover of this guide to ensure you are using the most up-to-date information. The most current version of the guide will always be available at girlscoutsosw.org/covid-19.

How do I know what’s new? New or changed sections of the guide are identified throughout the document by highlighted text.

Have a question or need support? We’re here for you! Contact us at answers@girlscoutsosw.org.

Thank you for your continued resilience and flexibility in the face of challenge. Your Girl Scout community is by your side!
## IN-PERSON PROGRAMS & SERVICES AT-A-GLANCE

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Even if your county receives approval from GSOSW, you or your troop may not be ready to resume in-person activities—and that’s OK! There are tons of exciting and creative ways for your troop to connect and engage online. Here are just a few tools to help you and your troop find success virtually:

**Tools for Successful Virtual Meetings**

**Volunteer Training**
Continue to build skills and a toolkit for a successful volunteer experience with online volunteer training via gsLearn!

**Tips and Tools for Troop Leaders**
Whether you’re looking for tips on how to structure virtual meetings or safe in-person meetings (once approved), dig into the helpful, one-of-a-kind resources available from Girl Scouts at Home and the new Troop Leader Blueprint.

**gsZoom**
Girl Scout troops can arrange the purchase of a gsZoom account for your troop for $36/year per account. Email answers@girlscoutsosw.org for more information or to get started.

**At-Home Girl Scout Program for Girls**

**Girl Scouts at Home**
Dive in to the Girl Scout experience with free activities, online events, national service projects and tools for families from Girl Scouts at Home.

**GSOSW’s At-Home Program**
Enjoy activities in STEM, the outdoors, life skills and more developed and led by local girls and GSOSW staff! Explore GSOSW’s At-Home Program today.

**GSOSW Virtual Events**
Find badge and highest awards workshops, volunteer training and more at girlscoutsosw.org/activities.

**2021 Program Guide Spring Supplement**
Discover patch programs, virtual events and workshops, interactive activities and all the tools you need to make the most of this season with Girl Scouts.
As of November 1, 2020, Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington has begun notifying service units of areas within our council that have been approved by GSOSW to resume in-person Girl Scout meetings and activities. These areas are determined based on regional health authority metrics for disease spread risk for Oregon and Washington, and each county/region is evaluated on an individual basis. GSOSW will continue to monitor the most current health authority metrics for Oregon and Washington and maintain a list of counties eligible for GSOW approval, updated on a weekly basis at girlscoutsosw.org/covid-19. This list does not serve as approval to begin meeting, but rather indicates eligibility.

Service units and troops will be notified directly by GSOSW staff if and when a county in their service unit may resume in-person activities. Please note that individual service units or troops/groups may serve members in multiple counties, which means they may need to accommodate members with different statuses and participation needs.

Troops/groups in approved areas may choose to resume in-person activities, provided that volunteers and families complete GSOSW’s Assumption of Risk, Release and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19, and can commit to following GSOSW’s In-Person Troop/Group Meeting Guidelines. If a troop/group is unable to follow these safety guidelines, they are not permitted to meet in person and can revisit in-person meeting options when they are ready and able to meet the guidelines.

The safety of girls, volunteers and families is our top priority. Please carefully read the guidelines outlined in this document prior to holding any in-person Girl Scout meetings or activities. Discuss these guidelines with the families in your troop/group and decide together whether your troop/group will resume in-person meetings. No troop/group or individual is required to meet in person.

COVID-19 is an extremely contagious virus that spreads easily in the community. GSOSW’s In-Person Troop/Group Meeting Guidelines are designed to maximize prevention strategies, but do not eliminate the risk of contracting COVID-19. These guidelines have been developed using guidance from the Oregon Health Authority.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to change as infection rates rise and fall in different areas. There may be regional differences or developments since this guidance was published. GSOSW will continue to monitor and follow guidance from public health authorities and official orders from Oregon and Washington states, and reserves the right to update and change these guidelines accordingly at any time. The most current version of GSOSW’s In-Person Troop/Group Meeting Guidelines is available at girlscoutsosw.org/COVID-19.

Thank you for following these guidelines to help keep Girl Scouts a safe, fun, one-of-a-kind experience for all in our community!
IN-PERSON TROOP/GROUP MEETING GUIDELINES

STEP ONE: DECIDING TO MEET

Once your service unit has been notified by GSOSW staff that your county meets all applicable health metrics and may resume in-person Girl Scout activities, use the following steps to determine if your troop/group can follow all applicable guidelines and is ready to meet.

1. **Understand and acknowledge that COVID-19 is an extremely contagious virus.** Commit to taking all reasonable precautions to limit potential exposure for girls, volunteers, and families. For your group, this may mean that now is not the time to resume meeting in person—and that’s OK. Troops/groups who choose not to meet in person are encouraged to make use of at-home Girl Scout program and virtual meeting tools offered by Girl Scouts of the USA and GSOSW, as well as the new Troop Leader Blueprint. Individuals who choose to participate in troop/group meetings and activities will be required to complete GSOSW’s Assumption of Risk, Release and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19.

2. **Review GSOSW’s In-Person Troop/Group Meeting Guidelines with the families in your troop/group and make a decision together about whether or not you will meet.** Consider how you will include and accommodate girls and families who are unable or choose not to meet in person at this time. This may include virtual options. Give families the space to voice their concerns about meeting in-person and gauge family readiness for in-person meeting.

3. **All members of your troop/group must follow all state and municipal health and safety guidelines, and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).** Guidelines may include group size, physical distancing, masks and face coverings, and sanitation guidelines.

   **Oregon:**
   - COVID-19 Resources for Oregonians
   - Statewide Reopening Guidance—Youth Programs (3/8)
   - Statewide Mask, Face Covering, Face Shield Guidance (3/12)

   **Washington:**
   - Washington State Coronavirus Response
   - Face Masks or Cloth Face Covering

   **CDC:**
   - Facts About the Coronavirus
   - How to Protect Yourself & Others

Be aware that these guidelines change frequently depending on current conditions in Oregon and Washington. It is your responsibility to stay up-to-date with current guidelines and follow all relevant health and safety guidance. **In the case that GSOSW’s guidelines differ from state and local health guidance, please follow whichever guideline is most rigorous.** In order to resume in-person meetings, your troop/group must commit to immediately complying with changes in status as determined by GSOSW staff.
STEP ONE CHECKLIST:

- My troop/group is committed to taking all reasonable precautions to limit potential exposure for girls, volunteers, and families. Individuals in my troop/group who choose to participate in in-person meetings can commit to completing GSOSW’s Assumption of Risk, Release and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19.
- I have had a conversation with the families in my troop/group, and we made the decision together. If we have decided to meet, we have determined how we will include girls who cannot/choose not to meet in person at this time.
- My troop/group is committed to following all local health and safety guidance and CDC guidance to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
## STEP TWO: PREPARING TO MEET
Once you and your troop/group have decided to resume meeting in person, follow these guidelines to prepare to meet safely.

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**For current guidance on gathering sizes and meeting spaces** visit [Statewide Reopening Guidance—Youth Programs (OHA 2351P)](https://www.oregon.gov/oha/orac/). For meetings held at public facilities, contact the facility ahead of time and ask:

- Is this facility/space currently open to the public?
- Is the space cleaned, and touch surfaces (i.e., tabletops, light switches, chairs, etc.) sanitized, at least daily?
- Who else uses the space (how often, what size is the group)? Is the space cleaned between groups?
- What type of faucets/soap dispensers are available in the restroom (sensory or manual)?
- Is the space large enough to maintain physical distancing practices?

Then, consider whether you can supplement any practices that are less ideal. For example, if you will arrive after another user group, plan to bring sanitizing wipes to clean the space for your troop/group. Another example: if faucets are manual, take some time to show girls how to shut them off with a paper towel. Use paper towels for doorknobs whenever possible.

Meetings may not be held in fitness centers or gyms, where a greater risk for contracting the virus may exist. Schools or churches may not permit outside groups on premises, so always check and confirm ahead of time.

**Meetings in the home.** Girl Scout troops/groups are not currently permitted to meet in private homes out of concern that there would be greater risk of exposure to other family members.

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### Meeting Space (Cont.)

**Backyard Meetings.** For back and front yard meetings, make sure that the grounds are completely safe for children. For example, be careful that pools are fenced or otherwise safely sectioned off. The same goes for any equipment or tools or recreational apparatus that is deemed unsafe for girls such as outdoor trampolines. Make sure that pets are kept separate from the girls meeting space. Ensure that both the troop leader and co-leader can see girls and monitor their whereabouts at all times. Maintain the use of the buddy system for errands or bathroom breaks. If the property is large, ensure that the meetings space is kept distinctly separate from non-members.

**Meetings at GSOSW properties.** GSOSW properties are available for troop/group meetings and other day use. Contact the site registrar for details.

### Group Size and Adult-to-Girl Ratio/Supervision

**Follow updated adult-to-girl ratios.** At this time, everyone 5 years of age and up is required to wear face coverings, and follow physical distancing and safe hygiene practices. Maintaining these safe practices can be challenging for young children; therefore, to support these safe practices during in-person Girl Scout activities, a higher level of adult presence is required during Girl Scout Daisy meetings and activities. Daisy troops must follow a ratio of two adults for Daisy cohorts of six or fewer girls (2:6) and three adults for seven to 10 girls for in-person troop meetings and activities (3:7). It is recommended that Daisy troops have four adults available per cohort to support in-person meetings to ensure that a minimum of three adults are present for troop meetings (e.g. Jennifer, Mariah, and Yasmine attend the meeting, Leslie is available if one of the others cannot make it). To be counted towards meeting ratio, adults must be registered, background-checked volunteers. All other grade levels may maintain ratios as stated in the most current edition of Volunteer Essentials.

**Group size.** Troops/groups should meet in stable groups/cohorts of 20 or fewer girls, utilizing appropriate adult-to-girl ratios for their grade level. If your troop/group is larger than 20 girls, you can still meet; however, you will need to maintain separate cohorts of 20 or fewer girls with appropriate adult to girl ratios for their grade level. Troops/groups welcoming new girls should adjust cohorts appropriately to ensure a group size of 20 or fewer girls.

### Transportation

**Families must manage their own transportation for meetings and travel; individual parents should transport their girls to and from meetings. Carpooling and public transportation should be avoided, where possible, to maintain physical distancing.**
### First Aid Preparedness

**First Aid Supplies.** Troop/group first aid supplies should include COVID-19 prevention items including hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol), tissues, disposable facemasks, and disinfectants. Trash baskets or bags should be supplied for meeting and activity spaces, if not already available. Make sure that the trash baskets (or bags) are easily accessible for girls. Disposable or no-contact thermometers may be added to supplies if available and not cost-prohibitive; however, parents should verify that their girl has a normal temperature before every meeting/activity. Any girl that feels unwell or has a fever should stay home and not attend the activity.

**FDA Warning.** The FDA advised consumers (6/19/2020) not to use any hand sanitizer manufactured by Eskbiochem SA de CV in Mexico, due to the potential presence of methanol (wood alcohol), a substance that can be toxic when absorbed through the skin or ingested. FDA has identified the following products manufactured by Eskbiochem:

- All-Clean Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-002-01)
- Esk Biochem Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-007-01)
- CleanCare NoGerm Advanced Hand Sanitizer 75% Alcohol (NDC: 74589-008-04)
- Lavar 70 Gel Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-006-01)
- The Good Gel Antibacterial Gel Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-010-10)
- CleanCare NoGerm Advanced Hand Sanitizer 80% Alcohol (NDC: 74589-005-03)
- CleanCare NoGerm Advanced Hand Sanitizer 75% Alcohol (NDC: 74589-009-01)
- CleanCare NoGerm Advanced Hand Sanitizer 80% Alcohol (NDC: 74589-003-01)
- Saniderm Advanced Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-001-01)

Methanol is not an acceptable ingredient for hand sanitizers and should not be used due to its toxic effects. Stay completely away from sanitizers containing methanol.

Consumers who have been exposed to hand sanitizer containing methanol should seek immediate treatment, which is critical for potential reversal of toxic effects of methanol poisoning.

**For more information** about General Guidance for Preventing COVID-19 Transmission During CPR and First Aid, visit redcross.org.
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STEP TWO CHECKLIST:

☐ I understand and can abide by meeting space guidelines.
☐ I am aware of and can follow (where applicable) updated adult-to-girl ratios for Girl Scout Daisies.
☐ I understand and can abide by transportation guidelines.
☐ I am prepared to prevent COVID-19 transmission during first aid.
### STEP THREE: DURING YOUR MEETING OR ACTIVITY
Follow these guidelines when meeting in person or participating in a Girl Scout day trip activity.

| Attendance & Permission Procedures | Assumption of risk. All girl and adult participants in in-person troop/group meetings and activities must complete GSOSW’s Assumption of Risk, Release and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19. Participants should provide the completed waiver to the troop or group leader, who must retain this document for a period of two years (24 months) from the date of signing.  
| Take a written attendance record. Use GSOSW’s Attendance Record - COVID form to record all people who attend or interact with your meeting attendees. This includes girls, volunteers, visitors, people who drop off or pick girls up, and any others who interact with the meeting. By completing this form, troop/group members will confirm their state of wellness as of the date and time of the meeting. The Attendance Record - COVID form will also help you and GSOSW collect all information necessary to conduct contact tracing in the case that someone in your group contracts COVID-19. Troop/group leaders should retain Attendance Record - COVID forms for a period of 90 days following the meeting.  |
| Follow Health and Safety Guidelines | Follow all state and municipal health and safety guidelines, and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Guidelines may include group size, physical distancing, mask wearing and sanitation guidelines. See above for helpful links to Oregon and Washington health authorities. Be aware that guidelines change frequently depending on current conditions. It is your responsibility to stay up-to-date and follow all current guidelines.  
| Face Coverings. Volunteers should remind girls that Girl Scouts wear face coverings (masks) not only to protect themselves but to protect others. Face coverings are a civic responsibility and a sign of caring for the community. Girls can bring their own face coverings. Have disposable masks on hand for those who need them. Volunteers can teach girls how to handle their face coverings so that the coverings are effective. Some girls or volunteers may not be able to wear masks, due to medical conditions such as asthma. Contact GSOSW for guidance on how best to handle these circumstances as they arise.  |
Follow Health and Safety Guidelines (Cont.)

Remind girls and volunteers to engage in everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, including:

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Cough and sneeze into a tissue, throw the tissue in the trash, and wash or sanitize your hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Wash hands if you do touch them.
- Maintain physical distancing.

Volunteers, girls and parents should be reminded to make sure temperatures are taken prior to group interaction to confirm the individual is not running a fever (100.4 °F, per the CDC). Members with a fever should skip the in-person gathering until their temperature is normal.

**Personal contact.** Hugs, handshakes, “high-fives,” and even activities like the friendship circle or squeeze can transmit COVID-19 from person to person. Refrain from these gestures for the time being. Create a safe way for girls and volunteers to greet and end meetings instead (like tapping elbows). Note: Use culturally appropriate messages, materials, and resources; see the [State of Oregon’s COVID-19 Equity Resources page](#) for relevant tools.

**Supplies and tools.** We recommend each Girl Scout use individual tools and supplies to prevent sharing materials. When sharing is necessary, the tools and supplies must be sanitized between use for each person using those items.

**Singing.** If you normally close your meetings with a song, make certain girls and adults are all wearing masks. Singing and shouting both project germs farther than talking. Ask your girls to either hum their closing song, or sing quietly—and always, of course, with their masks on.
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<td><strong>Family-style food service is prohibited.</strong> If food is served, individual plating of meals is preferred.</td>
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<th><strong>Day trips and activities.</strong> Your troop/group may take local day trips to enjoy hiking and outdoor activities. Keep in mind transportation requirements, access to resources such as bathrooms and food, follow all health and safety guidance, and apply all of the same guidelines that apply to troop/group meetings.</th>
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<td>Call ahead to the facility or vendor to confirm that they are following CDC and state health department guidelines. If activity or sporting equipment is being provided, ask the provider if they wipe down equipment in between uses, similar to equipment at the gym. Make whatever appropriate accommodations that are necessary. For example, bring extra sanitizer in case none is provided for public use at the activity location.</td>
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<td>Remember to follow all guidelines as outlined in <strong>Volunteer Essentials</strong> and <strong>Safety Activity Checkpoints</strong>, including the use of GSOSW’s <strong>High Risk Activity Partners</strong> for high-risk activities.</td>
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### STEP THREE CHECKLIST:

- I understand and I am prepared to follow attendance and permission procedures.
- I am informed about and prepared to follow all applicable health and safety guidance, including the use of face coverings, everyday preventative hygiene, and refraining from personal contact.
- I understand guidelines for food at meetings.
- I understand the guidelines for day and overnight travel.
## OTHER CONSIDERATIONS
Other health and safety considerations for Girl Scout volunteers and troops/groups.

| Reporting Procedure | Report all cases of COVID-19 within your troop/group to GSOSW. In the event of a COVID-19 positive test result, do NOT contact the parents or troop or group members. In this situation, promptly contact GSOSW (during business hours, contact answers@girlscoutsosw.org; after hours, contact 800-626-6543). In your message, please state, “I am making a COVID report,” and include your name, telephone number and address. A staff member will contact you directly to collect any other needed information. Remember that girl and volunteer health information is private and strictly confidential and should be only shared on a need-to-know basis with a council staff member. A council staff member and NOT volunteers, will be responsible for:
|                  | • Confirming and tracing the person who tested positive,
|                  | • Contacting the parents of anyone who may have been exposed (or other volunteers),
|                  | • Notifying a facility or property owner where a troop/group has met, and
|                  | • Alerting the state department of health.
|                  | Let other volunteers know that council staff, NOT volunteers, will notify parents and others about a positive test result and that the identity of the person tested is confidential. Remind them that girl and volunteer health information is private and strictly confidential and should be only shared on a need-to-know basis with a council staff member. |

| Properties | See the GSOSW Properties page for the latest information about properties. |

| Volunteer Meetings | Volunteer meetings can be held in person following all relevant guidelines in this document, but a virtual option to attend must be made available for those who cannot or do not wish to meet in person. Meetings must follow Statewide Reopening Guidance - Gatherings, Indoor Social Get-Togethers (OHA 2351 G). All members are required to wear appropriate face coverings while participating in Girl Scout activities. |

| Virtual Troop Meetings | Virtual meetings. Meeting options may need to be flexible based on the fluid nature of COVID-19 risk. Troops able to run online meetings as needed/wanted should do so. Girl Scouts of the USA recommends maintaining a virtual to in-person ratio of at least 20/80, which means to maintain virtual troop meetings at least 20% of the time to keep tech skills and virtual meeting habits fresh. Use the Safety Activity Checkpoints for Virtual Meetings to guide your meeting plans. |
GSOSW’s Assumption of Risk, Release and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

**Required prior to resuming in-person activities.** You will receive this form from GSOSW staff upon approval to resume in-person activities.

In order to resume in-person Girl Scout troop/group or volunteer activities, all individuals will be required to complete GSOSW’s Assumption of Risk, Release and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19.

You can review an example of GSOSW’s Assumption of Risk, Release and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19 at www.girlscoutssow.org.

Once you have received approval from GSOSW staff to resume in-person Girl Scout activities in your county, you will receive an official copy of GSOSW’s Assumption of Risk, Release and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19 to complete for each participating individual and return to your troop/group leader.

See Page 14 of this guide for more information.

**Troop Readiness Assessment and Agreement During COVID-19**

**Required prior to resuming in-person activities.** Troop/group leaders will receive this form from GSOSW staff upon approval to resume in-person activities.

Troop/group leaders will complete the Troop Readiness Assessment and Agreement During COVID-19 on behalf of the troop/group. This survey and agreement is designed to assess troop readiness, identify ways in which the troop may need service unit support, and confirm the troop's ability to meet GSOSW’s COVID-19 health and safety guidelines.

**Attendance Record - COVID**

**Required to be completed at every in-person troop/group meeting or activity.** This form is available for download at www.girlscoutssow.org.

The Attendance Record - COVID must be used at each in-person troop/group meeting or activity to record who attended a meeting or interacted with participants and how to contact them in the event of a COVID-19 infection. This information will assist with critical contact-tracing efforts. Additionally, by completing the Attendance Record - COVID, attendees certify important personal health and safety screening information.

See Page 14 of this guide for more information.
Additional COVID-19-related Girl Scout resources will be added to this page as they become available.

**Contactless Supply Exchange Guidelines**
View [GSOSW’s Guidelines for Collection and Distribution of Supplies by Girl Scout Troops](#).

**2021 Girl Scout Cookie Program**
Contact your troop product manager or service unit product manager for detailed guidance on how Girl Scouts in your county can safely participate in the Girl Scout Cookie Program. Program guidelines are distributed at product training.