

Day-Only Activity Guidance

Learn more at gssjc.org/covid19

For more information, [see our camp and overnight activity guidance](#) also.

Group Size and Pods

Small groups are recommended. There is no specific group size limit; however, any meeting space must accommodate the size of the group and include the ability to maintain six feet of physical distance between members of different households. Girls and adults must stay in their activity groups for all activities, including meals and sleeping.

All participants must be separated into activity groups of no more than 20 total people (including at least two adults or required adult ratio).

Masks

Outdoors, masks are not required. [Per CDC guidelines issued July 27, 2021](#), indoors, masks are highly recommended.

Masks are required in groups where there is an individual with a medical need or a high-risk individual. Our Girl Scout Promise drives us to provide experiences where all girls are confident they belong. With this, we ask that members of a group in this situation help support these members and wear a mask for the duration of the activity. Participants are expected to recognize that due to confidentiality, the details for the requirement of masks in the troop/group will not be publicly shared. Mask status may change.

Event coordinators, troop leaders, and vendors may still make the decision to require masks for specific activities. This requirement must be made clear as part of the registration process for activities or in any pre-activity information. Mask status may change.

Masks are required in all GSSJC indoor facilities. GSSJC staff should refer to current employee responsibilities regarding COVID-19 protocols.

Members must follow the recommended and required mask and safety guidelines of vendors when participating in vendor programming.

Physical Distancing

Members should keep six feet of distance between themselves and members of different households.

Pre-Screening

Attendees should complete a permission slip and pre-screening form before each in-person activity and stay home when not feeling well or exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms. Volunteers should maintain the screening log at check-in.

Hand Hygiene

Girls and volunteers should wash hands/sanitize before and after each activity.

Sanitizing

All shared activity equipment and communal spaces should be cleaned by those using them between uses by different activity groups.

Meals

Outdoor dining is strongly preferred. When serving meals please adhere to the following:

- Adults, wearing gloves, mask and hair pulled back should serve all shared items at meals such as bulk packaged items like bread, plates, napkins, etc.
- Meals should be eaten in activity groups with at least three feet of distance between participants.

Camp Activities

At times, camp activities may require on-site rapid testing. First aiders, troop leaders and other volunteers may be asked to facilitate this process. Note: Troops and individual adult volunteers may choose to self-test prior to driving to camp to ensure that everyone in the group tests negative, and if doing so, may skip the testing at camp check-in. Individual girls attending camp will continue to be tested at check-in. For guidance see Form F-219E GSSJC Pretesting Option for GSSJC Camp Activities

Those who have recovered from COVID-19 in the last 90 days may provide a doctor's note or confirmation of a positive test from a medical clinic or testing facility in lieu of required testing. If this applies to you or someone in your troop and you are unable to secure a doctor's note, contact Melissa Hardy at mhardy@sjgs.org for further guidance.

Report Cases to Council

If any Girl Scout or participant is confirmed to be COVID-19 positive within 14 days of participating in a Girl Scout activity, the family must contact Melissa Hardy (mhardy@sigs.org) to allow council staff to manage communication and contact tracing and maintain appropriate confidentiality.

Helpful Links

[Girl Permission Slip \(F-204\)](#)

[Hoja de permiso de Girl Scouts \(F-204\)](#)

[Girl Medical Form \(F-185\)](#)

[Formulario médico de Girl Scouts \(F-185\)](#)

[Adult Permission Form \(for Volunteers\) \(F-204A\)](#)

[Formulario de permiso para adultos \(F-204A\)](#)

[Adult Emergency Form \(F-22\)](#)

[Formulario de emergencia para adultos \(F-22\)](#)

[COVID-19 Carpooling Guidelines and Acknowledgement \(F-204C\)](#)

[COVID-19 Screening Log F-219](#)

[COVID-19 Screening Questions F-219A](#)

Additional Guidance

GSSJC is using a multi-layered model of protection and risk management (sometimes referred to as a “Swiss Cheese” model) to evaluate COVID protocols for council-wide activities and those that gather members from beyond their neighborhood. No one mechanism is full-proof, but using an appropriate combination of protective measures can provide a safer opportunity for Girl Scouts to participate in the activities they love. Our guidance encourages event and activity planners to implement as many layers of protection as reasonably possible and based on the nature of their event plans.

Required:

- Check-in log, pre-screening, permission slips and health forms are required for in-person activities.
- Masks are required indoors at GSSJC facilities and during some outdoor activities at GSSJC properties. They are also required when a participant’s local school requires them. Masks are strongly preferred/highly recommended at all Girl Scout activities including when not on council property.
- Assign participants to activity groups of no more than 20 including adult ratio volunteers.
- Frequent handwashing/sanitizing.
- Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces.

Additional safety measures:

Incorporate when appropriate or as reasonably possible:

- Maintain 6 feet of distance between participants. Required for sleeping arrangements as noted above. (At any time masks cannot be worn, 6 feet of distance is highly recommended.)
- Prioritize outdoor activities as they may result in lower potential for transmission compared to indoor activities.

- When necessary and not accommodated by the adult ratio volunteers, instructors may be additional to activity groups. When such girl or adult instructors are needed to support activity groups for their planned program, consider what additional layers of protection can be maintained to minimize exposure from group to group (e.g., outdoors, physical distance, masks, etc.).
- Manage unmasked times within activity groups. This includes eating, sleeping, showering/personal hygiene and water activities. Consider separate times assigned to activity groups for use of shared shower facilities.
- Avoid activity groups interacting within 30 feet of each other – consider impacts to activity change times, meal times, check-in, carpooling, etc.
- Limit shared items and when needed, clean and disinfect between activity groups.
- Rapid testing at GSSJC camp check-in: GSSJC will evaluate the need for screening tests for activities at GSSJC camps. GSSJC will notify and provide testing for groups based on availability and overall nature of program plan. Council-wide, special interest group, region and community groups at camp should expect that they may be required to complete a rapid test at check-in (based on availability). Troops that are only camping as a troop and not participating in any additional hosted programs will not be screened at check-in.

Please note: No participant may attend in-person activities if they are symptomatic/sick in general, or have tested positive for COVID-19 or have recently been exposed to COVID-19 (following CDC guidelines), or are exhibiting new COVID-19 symptoms including fever as outlined on the check-in log.