



Our goal as Girl Scouts is to model leadership by prioritizing the health and safety of our members and communities, keeping kids in school, and reducing community spread of COVID-19, an extremely contagious virus that spreads easily in the community.

Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast (GSCCC) follows public health guidance and requirements regarding vaccination, masking, testing, distancing, and quarantining, referred to as "COVID Mitigation Layers".

GSCCC supports troop leaders, Service Units, and camp directors to use their judgment to establish even greater protection than GSCCC's requirements based on planned activities or current local conditions.

GSCCC values inclusion and recognizes that some members of our community are at greater risk than others and need enhanced Covid Mitigation Layers to be safe. Some members of our community may not be able to wear masks and/or be vaccinated. We will work with members, and where possible, identify appropriate modifications and alterations that will not increase the risk of COVID-19 exposure for Girl Scout participants.

Staff members are required to follow Cal OSHA requirements, as well as state and county guidelines. This means they may be masking at times when it may seem unnecessary to do so, however, please understand these guidelines may vary for them.

It is important to note that if individuals are feeling ill, they should stay away from in-person meetings or gatherings.

## **Masks**

### **Indoors:**

- Required for Girl Scout members for in-person Girl Scout meetings, activities, and/or event, including while carpooling.
- Required indoors at GSCCC properties regardless of vaccinated status pursuant to County regulations.

## Outdoors:

**Masks are optional outdoors, except in these circumstances, where masks are required:**

- Where social distancing cannot be maintained, like waiting in lines and event seating
- When required by the county, school district, school, or other organization where the activity is taking place
- When required by the troop leader, Service Unit, or camp director who is responsible for the activity or event. Volunteers are often in the best position to determine whether greater protection is needed given the circumstances in their communities, the nature of the event, the vaccination rates of participants, etc.

**Individuals medically exempted** from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition must wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge.

## Vaccinations and Testing

- GSCCC strongly recommends, but does not require, vaccines for all eligible adults and youth.

## Quarantine

- The CDPH (California Department of Public Health) K-12 COVID Guidance provides clear rules for what to do if you come in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19.
- *If fully vaccinated, follow the public health guidance for fully vaccinated people*—you do not need to quarantine if you are [fully vaccinated and asymptomatic](#).
- *If not fully vaccinated, follow the K-12 COVID Guidance:*
  - “Quarantine for all extracurricular activities at school, including sports, and activities within the community setting”
  - This means, no in-person Girl Scout (or other extracurricular activities) for either:
    - 10 days after exposure if there has been no COVID testing; or
    - 7 days if tested after 5 days from exposure and COVID test is negative.

- If troop leaders, service units, or camp directors learn that an event participant has tested positive for COVID-19, please contact your Volunteer Support Manager (VSM) so that GSCCC can notify families of participants. Volunteers should not contact parents or guardians.

## Isolation

If you feel sick, have COVID symptoms and/or have tested positive, isolate and **DO NOT** attend any in-person meetings, events, or activities.

## Additional COVID Resources

**Public Health:** California Department of Public Health COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-2022 School Year.

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-2021-22-School-Year.aspx>

**Masks:** California “Masks in Daily Life” Mandate: <https://covid19.ca.gov/masks-and-ppe/#Masks-in-daily-life>

**Vaccination:** <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/COVID-19-Public-Health-Recommendations-for-Fully-Vaccinated-People.aspx>

<https://www.gov.ca.gov/2021/08/11/california-implements-first-in-the-nation-measure-to-encourage-teachers-and-school-staff-to-get-vaccinated/>

**Quarantining:** <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Guidance-on-Isolation-and-Quarantine-for-COVID-19-Contact-Tracing.aspx>

**Current Safety Measures:** California State “Do’s and Don’ts”: <https://covid19.ca.gov/safely-reopening/#what-to-do-now>

Thank you for your help in keeping Girl Scouts a safe, fun space for everyone! If you have any questions about how COVID-19 may impact Girl Scouts activities, please contact us at [info@girlscoutsccl.org](mailto:info@girlscoutsccl.org) or 800-822-2427 — we’re here for you.