



COVID-19 RESPONSE GUIDELINE UPDATES

5.27.2021

The below information was updated in the GSEM COVID-19 Response Guidelines dated 5.27.2021. The information below and the guidelines dated 5.27.2021 supersede all previous editions of the GSEM COVID-19 Response Guidelines.

Page 5, Protocol Checklist and Participant Screening Tool – Last participation parameter updated to include if someone who is vaccinated is exposed to someone with COVID-19.

No participant, whether child or adult, should be permitted to attend any Girl Scout meeting or activity if any of the following are true:

- During the past 10 days, the participant has been in contact with a person who has tested positive for or is suspected to have had COVID-19 in the previous 10 days, unless the participant is fully vaccinated (two weeks past the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or two weeks past the single dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine) and does not have symptoms

Page 6 and throughout the publication – Masking, social distancing, and maximum capacity guidelines have been updated.

Masks

Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri is a mask-wearing organization and requires that masks be worn by individuals age 2 and older when indoors at all Girl Scout properties, including our camps and service center, unless the individual is fully vaccinated (two weeks past the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or two weeks past the single dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine). Masks are not typically required when outdoors at Girl Scout properties, though social distancing is still highly encouraged. (Please note, all campers must provide their own mask and carry it with them at all times when attending resident and day camps, as there may be times during which campers and staff will be required to mask, regardless of location or vaccination status, for the safety of the entire camp community, such as at check-in or in case of an emergency.)

Recognizing that our geographic area includes 28 counties, guidance on mask-wearing when participating in Girl Scout activities not at Girl Scout properties must follow the stricter of 1) the facility where the event is being held or 2) the local county/municipal/jurisdictional guidance.

Masks should NOT be worn by children under the age of 2 or anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance. Participants should not wear masks, but should continue to practice social distancing, when sleeping, or when engaging in activities like swimming that may cause a mask to become wet. Some girls or volunteers may not be able to wear masks due to medical conditions such as asthma. Contact Council for guidance on how best to handle these circumstances as they arise.

Social Distancing

Social distancing, also called “physical distancing,” means keeping a safe space between you and other people who do not live in your household. Social distancing should be practiced at both indoor and outdoor Girl Scout activities whenever possible.

Maximum Capacity for Groups

The maximum number of unvaccinated individuals permitted to gather at Girl Scout meetings, activities, programs and camps is 20 individuals indoors, with additional vaccinated individuals permitted, and must include the proper girl-to-adult volunteer ratio. The maximum number of participants/attendees outdoors may not exceed 250 individuals unless you have received permission from Council.

Page 14 – Units that are currently unavailable for overnight use by troops/groups and were only previously available for use as day outings may now be used by family or parent/child programs with permission from the Camp Department.

Page 16 – Masking guidance provided for resident camp “households”/“families.”

During resident camps, campers or staff who are staying together in the same living space (tent, cabin or lodge) are considered a “household” or “family.” These campers or staff do not need to wear masks when they are in their living space, or when they are together and distanced from others in their unit. Examples would be sitting at the same table for crafts or for eating, or participating in an activity with those in the “household” or “family.” Masks should still be worn when indoors with others in their unit.

Page 34 – The GSEM lobby, shop and ERC are fully open for in-person visits, with curbside service still available. Masks are required to be worn by individuals age 2 and older when visiting the GSEM building, shop or ERC unless the individual is fully vaccinated.