



# COVID-19 RESPONSE GUIDELINE UPDATES

## 8.21.2020

*The below information was updated in the GSEM COVID-19 Response Guidelines dated 8.21.2020. The information below and the guidelines dated 8.21.2020 supersede all previous editions of the GSEM COVID-19 Response Guidelines.*

### **Page 5 - Participation parameters updated to better align with the CDC's current recommendations. Highlighted parameters are the ones that have been updated.**

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

- The participant has had a fever of 100.4°F or greater within the last 24 hours (the 24 hours with no fever should be without the use of fever-reducing medications)
- The participant has had any one or a combination of symptoms of COVID-19 within the last 72 hours. Possible symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle aches or pain, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea
- The participant has been tested for COVID-19 due to suspicion of infection and has not yet received a negative test result
- The participant previously tested positive for COVID-19 but (if ANY of the below apply, the individual may not participate):
  - o (if the participant had symptoms) it has not yet been 10 days since symptoms first appeared
  - o (if the participant did not have symptoms) it has not yet been 10 days since the participant received their most recent positive test result
  - o the participant has had a fever within the last 24 hours, as detailed above
  - o any other symptoms have not improved (with the exception of loss of taste or smell, which may persist for weeks or months after recovery)
  - o the participant's healthcare provider recommended testing to determine if the participant can resume being around others but test results still pending
- During the past 14 days, the participant has been advised to self-isolate or quarantine by a doctor or health authority
- During the past 14 days, the participant has been in contact with a person who has exhibited any symptoms of COVID-19, as detailed above.
- During the past 14 days, the participant has been in contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the previous 14 days
- During the past month, the participant has traveled internationally

### **Page 10 - "Drive-up/thru/in Events" section added**

Drive-up/thru/in events are permitted, as individuals are not gathering in in-person groups. All guidelines as laid out in this document must be followed at all times. If individuals are coming forward during such an event, such as during a drive-thru bridging ceremony, the number of individuals not inside vehicles must remain at 10 or less at any one time and all extravehicular participants must wear masks and social distance. If traffic control may be an issue, as has come up with "birthday parades" and similar celebrations that have happened in our area during the pandemic, the organizing volunteer should discuss with their municipality well in advance of the event whether any sort of traffic control is required. Please contact Council if you have any questions about holding a drive-up/thru/in event.

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## 8.21.2020, continued

### **Page 10 - “Overnights & Travel” section updated for clarification**

Currently, the only overnight activities permitted are those that occur on Council property, such as troop camp at one of GSEM’s camps, due to the ability of Council staff to control the premises and safety protocols as well as the number of total participants. (This sentence may need to be placed in the Camp section as well.) Overnight activities not on Council property and all travel are not permitted until after St Louis County is successfully past its final phase of reopening. Once this phase is reached, troops may resume overnights such as backyard camping and non-camping local overnights after informing their neighborhood manager. Additionally, once this phase is reached, troop travel may be approved on a case-by-case basis. To review what is required for troop travel approval, please visit Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri’s Travel page, and contact Senior Manager of Risk Management, Jen Robertson, jrobertson@girlscoutsem.org, if you have any questions or wish to discuss travel approval. As always, volunteers must follow guidance in Safety Activity Checkpoints and continue to practice the Hygiene and COVID-19 Risk Mitigation, Transportation and group size guidance outlined in the most recent release of this document for the foreseeable future.

### **Page 12 - Three camp units currently closed to troop camping now listed as available for their kitchen shelters to be used as day outing shelters**

The following units are not available for troop camp at this time due to the inability to meet established guidelines for overnight use, as established by the CDC/ACA/GSUSA. However, the kitchen shelters for Border Village, Treehouses and Covered Wagons may be reserved for use as day outing shelters.

### **Page 13 - Option added to reserve additional unit(s) at camp at no cost if a group that would, under normal circumstances, be able to fit in the unit they reserved now has to be split to meet current group size guidelines.**

If a troop finds it necessary to utilize additional units in order to meet the GSEM COVID-19 Response Guidelines for troop/group size, and the reservation of an additional unit presents a financial burden, that troop/group may contact the Answer Center to reserve additional unit(s) at no extra cost (when available). If a troop/group is able to or desires to pay for the cost of the additional unit(s) needed, we welcome that to help offset the expense of having the extra unit(s) occupied. Additional unit(s) may be reserved by those with an existing reservation or those who schedule a facility reservation during the time in which the COVID-19 Response Guidelines are in place. Additional units at no extra cost can be reserved when available and if it falls under the original intent of the facility/unit reservation (i.e. your group should bring the number of campers originally projected for which you needed to split the group to meet guidelines). Each unit must meet the proper girl-to-adult ratio, and, unless in shared units, must have a Certified Troop Camper.

### **Page 30 - “First Aid/CPR Training” section updated.**

Each First Aid/CPR course participant will receive an individually packaged First Aid and CPR Training Kit containing 1 face shield, 2 gauze pads, 1 pair of large latex free gloves and 1 roller bandage. Participant to mannequin ratio is 1:1. Participants practice a social distancing approach when caring for a choking adult/child/infant and while practicing direct pressure to control external bleeding.

### **Page 41 - “COVID-19 Protocol Checklist” updated with new participation parameters and some language updated for clarification.**

### **Page 44 - “COVID-19 Participant Screening Tool” updated with new participation parameters.**