

We remain in an uncertain time with the continued threat of the COVID-19 virus. Please keep informed about the infection status in your community, review and follow the meeting and activity guidelines below, and partner with us to help keep everyone healthy and in good spirits.

If you have any questions, please contact us at info@gscwm.org.

GUIDELINES

The following guidelines must be followed for every Girl Scout troop or service unit activity. They are subject to change with little notice should guidelines or requirements from governmental authorities change.

Virtual Activities

- Consult “Safety Activity Checkpoints” for virtual troop activities. The Internet Safety Pledge can be used as permission to participate and should be signed by each girl and their parent/guardian.

In-person Activities

- The number of people in a group must not exceed 16, including adults. Note that it would be difficult to find an indoor space to accommodate the maximum number and comply with the state guidelines.
 - Larger troops and service unit events are possible with careful adherence to these health and safety guidelines! Consider meeting in small groups (as described above) – maybe groups with a shared interest in working on a particular badge or small activity stations. No more than 50 people, including adults, are allowed on GSCWM camp properties or at service unit/town events.
 - Consult “Safety Activity Checkpoints” for the type of activity you’re planning to be sure you comply with the applicable girl/adult ratio.●
 - Remember to submit Activity & Travel requests, allowing adequate time for approval in advance of activities outside of your normal meeting place.

- Remind families that nobody should attend if they are showing any signs of illness and to do a quick health check before they leave home.
- No shared transportation is allowed in this phase so each family is responsible for their girl's transportation.
- Social distancing of at least six (6) feet between people must be maintained. Family units (e.g. a girl and her mother) can stay closer together but each unit must be at least six (6) feet from any other. Each person still counts toward the total allowed capacity of the facility.
- Everyone must properly wear a face covering over their mouth and nose.
- All participants must wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
 - Wash when they arrive and prior to leaving, before eating, after using the restroom, and after blowing their nose, coughing, or sneezing.
 - Hand sanitizer needs to be available for all and it is preferable for each person to bring and use their own. Hand sanitizer (must be at least 60% alcohol and must NOT contain methanol) can be used, IF soap and water is not available.
- Disinfectant wipes or spray with paper towels need to be available and used to wipe down high-touch areas (door handles, chairs, tables, etc.) before and after use.
- Supplies should not be shared (crayons, markers, staplers, etc.).
- No shared cooking or serving utensils for food are allowed (no buffets/pot lucks, no kitchen use). Girls should bring their own lunch or snack from home (no sharing) or pre-packaged food/snacks can be provided.
- If your troop is interested in meeting at the GSCWM Leadership Centers in Holyoke or Worcester, contact info@gscwm.org to see if the space is available. Holyoke can accommodate a total of 8 people (including adults); Worcester can accommodate a total of 9.
- Archery equipment, boats, Gaga pits and balls, etc. are not available for use outside of a GSCWM-sponsored event.

No overnight trips are allowed in this phase. Troops taking day trips must call the facility or vendor in advance to confirm they are following CDC and MA state COVID-19 guidelines and requirements.