

COVID-19 Guidelines – March 26, 2021

The following is a summary of our current COVID-19 guidelines, which will change as the orders and requirements from the Governor are modified. These changes can come with little advance notice so we have added a COVID-19 Updates page to our website that can be quickly updated.

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

GUIDELINES

The following guidelines must be followed by every troop, every time they meet or do an activity. They are subject to change with little notice should guidelines or requirements from governmental authorities change. Check the GSCWM website (www.gscwm.org) for the most current COVID-19 updates.

- GSCWM does NOT allow Girl Scout meetings or activities in private residences.
- Meetings and activities can be held at event venues or public spaces with no more than 100 people indoors and 150 people outdoors.
 - Six feet of physical separation (social distancing) is required so the size of your location will also limit the size of your group.
 - Remember to submit Activity & Travel requests, allowing adequate time for approval in advance of activities outside of your normal meeting place.
- Girl Scout day camp activities are subject to the MA day camp requirements for outdoor recreational programs.
 - Contact info@gscwm.org for assistance in reserving sites and information about day camp requirements.
- 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. Each family is responsible for their girl's transportation and should only travel with those living in their household.
- Social distancing of at least six (6) feet between people must be maintained.
- 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). Girls should bring their own lunch or snack from home (no sharing) or pre-packaged food/snacks can be provided.
- GSCWM Leadership Centers in Holyoke and Worcester remain closed to the general public.
 - Reservations can be made for troops meetings and activities.
 - Contact us at info@gscwm.org, 413-584-2602 or 508-365-0115 to make an appointment to visit the Girl Scout stores or have a CORI acknowledgement form verified.
- 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. Girl Scouts are subject to the restrictions placed on the particular venue they're visiting (theaters, museums, skating rinks, etc.).