



Email to All Members: Updated COVID-19 Guidelines March 31, 2021

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Now Offering Hybrid Programming with New COVID-19 Guidelines

We're excited to announce that starting April 1, 2021, Girl Scouts of Western Washington is introducing hybrid programming, which means modified in-person programming can resume. Starting today, members can now choose whether to participate in person or continue participating virtually depending on their personal preference.

To celebrate, we have officially opened **registration for individuals and troops** to renew their 2022 membership!

Given the most recent [Phase 3 & Outdoor Recreation announcement](#) from the Governor's office on March 22, we will need to make additional adjustments to our current in-person COVID-19 Guidelines to reflect these changes. Those changes will be live on our website by May 3.

Our current guidelines provide detailed health and safety protocols for:

- Troop and Group Meetings
- Camp Use and Camp Activities
- Training and Learning
- GSWW Office Use
- 3rd Party Partner Programs
- Day Trips and Travel
- Money Earning

To prepare for in-person programming, **it is required that you first complete the current COVID-19 Member Guidelines and Policy Updates course** on gsLearn. Since our guidelines have changed significantly, we are asking all adult members to complete the course again.

Our process for developing current COVID-19 guidelines

Our Pandemic Committee applied recommendations from these resources to create guidelines for each of our program areas:

- Washington State Youth Development Guidelines
- Washington State Volunteer Guidelines
- Washington State Day Camp Guidelines
- Girl Scouts United States of America COVID Guidelines
- American Camp Association Recommendations

The committee then gathered feedback from the following stakeholders:

- Service Unit Manager Team
- Program Partner Focus Groups
- GSWW Learning Facilitators
- GSWW Program Staff & Volunteer Managers

Commitment to health and safety of our members and volunteers

The health and safety of our members and volunteers is our top priority. Moving to in-person programming will remain optional. We're committed to providing flexible and safe programming experiences for all our Girl Scouts and volunteers and will continue to offer virtual programming for those who prefer not to participate in person at this time. Please check our [GSWW program calendar](#) to see all the virtual program opportunities available for each program level.

Our in-person operations plan is subject to change. We will continue to monitor Washington State "Road to Recovery," GSUSA legal guidance and CDC recommendations and apply changes to our guidelines as needed.