



## Cookies & COVID-19 Update

**Good news if you're participating in the Cookie Program!! Our council will be subsidizing the Digital Cookie Program from March 13-15 so that Cookie Bosses can offer customers discounted shipping.** Digital Cookie customers who purchase 8+ packages of cookies March 13-15 will receive \$5 off shipping costs! [Click here for more information on this offer and how girls can market to their customers!](#)

Before I share council news, I'd like to ask everyone to be mindful that although coronavirus started in China, having Chinese ancestry—or any other Asian ancestry—does not place a person at higher risk for this illness. We can help keep our girls safe by sharing accurate information with our fellow community members.

With that in mind, please know our council's leadership team is continuing to monitor CDC, state and local civic and health authorities' guidance regarding COVID-19. Kitsap and Cowlitz counties have now declared states of emergency so, in addition to our offices in Seattle, Bellevue and Everett, **our facilities in Bremerton and Longview will be closed to the public until further notice.** The following changes now also extend to Kitsap and Cowlitz counties:

- We encourage girls, families, troops, and volunteers to consider their continued participation in the public portion of the Cookie Program in Kitsap and Cowlitz counties. If a girl or troop from those counties decides to withdraw from the Cookie Program because of COVID-19 concerns, GSWW will be offering the option to return unsold cookie packages on 3/12 and 3/13.
- **We will be sending an email through eBudde to Kitsap and Cowlitz Troop Cookie Volunteers with details on how the cookie return option will work and next steps to take to participate.** Parents and guardians will need to work with their Troop Cookie Volunteers to return unsold packages.

Here are other updates and reminders:

- All Girl Scouts of Western Washington camp properties will be closed effective immediately through March 31, at which time the situation will be reassessed. Our camp staff will use this time to develop an enhanced sanitation process that will be operational prior to camp reopening. If you have an existing reservation, a staff member will be in contact with you to issue a refund.
- We are concerned about the increased risk of contagion for overnight programs. Therefore, all council-led programs that involve overnights are cancelled through March 31, at which time the situation will be reassessed. If you have an existing reservation, a staff member will be in contact with you to issue a refund.
- We continue to recommend that members in King, Snohomish, Cowlitz, and Kitsap counties consider cancelling or delaying troop meetings and volunteer-led programming events.
- Council-led programs in King, Snohomish, Cowlitz, and Kitsap counties will be cancelled through March 31; and the situation will be reassessed at that time. For information about third-party programs, please visit our [Frequently Asked Questions page](#) on our website.

- We are investigating virtual alternatives for both council-led and volunteer-led programming so that Girl Scout learning may continue during this difficult time.

I know these cancellations and closures are disruptive and frustrating. This is a quickly evolving situation and we promise to stay in touch with members about any additional changes in public health recommendations and how they affect Girl Scout programming. If you have any questions, please contact Customer Care at [customercare@girlscoutsww.org](mailto:customercare@girlscoutsww.org) / 800-541-9852.

Thank you, so much, for everything you are doing to support girls and our community during this time.

Warmly,  
Megan Ferland CEO



**Have a question? Don't be shy!**  
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