

GSOC Decision-Making for Girl Scout Events/Activities

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Girl Scouts of Orange County (GSOC) uses guidance from the [California Department of Public Health](#), [Orange County Health Care Agency](#), [Riverside County Public Health](#) (Camp Scherman is located in Riverside County), and the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) to guide its decisions regarding in-person activities.

While we understand that event and activity cancellations can be disappointing, our commitment to the health and safety of our members, volunteers, and staff is always our highest priority. Decisions about whether to hold or cancel events are made at the GSOC leadership level using the most current information available, often in collaboration with local health authorities.

Below is an example of criteria we frequently use when assessing risks for in-person activities. This list is based on [California Department of Public Health](#) and [CDC](#) guidance.

- What is the level of community transmission at the time of the event or activity?
- Are participants vaccinated?
- Are there any local COVID-19 outbreaks or increasing trends?
- Is this an indoor or outdoor activity?
- Is there the ability to accommodate the wearing of face coverings at all times (e.g., eating and drinking would require face coverings to be removed).
- Do we have the ability to provide physical distance between individuals from different households?
- Can we limit the number of people per square foot?
- Can we limit duration of exposure?
- Does the venue have the recommended ventilation (e.g., indoor vs. outdoor, air exchange and filtration)?
- Can we limit activities known to cause increased spread of COVID-19 (e.g., singing and shouting, etc.)?

If you have any questions regarding GSOC's decision to hold or cancel a particular event, please reach out to Customer Care at customercare@girlscoutsoc.org. Thank you for your support and understanding as together we navigate these challenging times and make the best decisions that we can with the most current information available to protect the health and safety of our valued members.

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