



## Frequently Asked Questions COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols for 2020-2021 School Year Programming

of Greater Santa Barbara

### **Who will be allowed in the Girls Inc. center?**

To limit exposure as much as possible, **parent and visitors will not be allowed inside the Girls Inc. center.** Vendors and deliveries will also not be permitted inside the center during programming hours while youth are onsite.

### **How will parents/guardians drop-off and pick-up their children?**

Each day a Girls Inc. staff member will greet each car and perform a brief health screening, including a temperature check, before escorting your child into the center.

At the end of the day, a Girls Inc. staff member will escort your child to your car and sign-off that your child has been safely returned to the approved parent/guardian on file.

### **What testing measures will Girls Inc. be implementing?**

Girls Inc. employees will undergo a health screening every morning prior to starting work on site. Girls Inc. staff will then perform health screenings on each child every day before the child is allowed to enter the center. This screening process includes a verbally completed brief questionnaire regarding symptoms and exposure to individuals with COVID-19. Temperature checks will be conducted on all staff and youth and must be under 100.4 F.

### **Who will be required to wear masks?**

All staff will be required to wear masks while onsite at Girls Inc. and while in direct service with youth and parents. All youth will also be required to wear masks while participating in programs onsite.

### **How often will Girls Inc. be cleaning its center, classrooms, and surfaces?**

High-touch surfaces such as tables, countertops and chairs will be disinfected by staff two times per day. Girls Inc. employs a professional cleaning service that will thoroughly disinfect the center every evening.

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### **How will health and safety measures impact programming?**

Groups will be no larger than 14 youth. Each group will have dedicated staff members that will remain with that group.

Youth will be asked to wash their hands after each activity and always prior to and after eating.

Each participant will be given their own supply basket to use for the session.

Classrooms will be configured to support physical distancing and youth will be asked to maintain physical distancing at all times.

Different groups will not be scheduled to interact with one another; each group has a designated lunch, break, and programming space.

### **What are the sources upon which Girls Inc. has modeled its health and safety guidelines?**

Girls Inc. continues to monitor the evolving guidelines and will make any necessary changes to its protocols during fall programming if required to protect staff and youth. Our health and safety protocols are based upon the following sources:

- California State Licensing Guidelines (September 2020 PIN 20-22-CCP)
  - <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/CCLD/PINs/2020/CCP/PIN-20-22-CCP.pdf>
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC) “Guidance for Childcare Programs that Remain Open” (July)
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-childcare.html>
- Emergency Child Care Guide Version 1 (April 2020)

### **Will staff and youth be asked to stay home when they are sick, or if they have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19?**

Yes. We will be asking employees and youth who are sick or have recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19 to stay home. Employees and youth should also stay home and monitor their health if they have tested positive for or are showing COVID-19 symptoms.