



of Greater Santa Barbara

Frequently Asked Questions

Health and Safety Protocols

2021-2022

Who will be allowed in the Girls Inc. center?

To limit exposure as much as possible, **only pre-scheduled visitors will be allowed inside the Girls Inc. center.** Vendors and deliveries will be permitted inside if they self-attest to being symptom free and undergo a temperature check.

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 **have signed an agreement that states they can testify that they have had no known recent exposures to COVID-19, have not tested positive to COVID-19, and do not have symptoms related to COVID-19 every day they are on any Girls Inc. location.** 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 **health check-in regarding symptoms and a visual check of any sickness.** 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 **and offsite.** **All pre-schedule visitors and third-party personnel will also be required to wear masks if coming 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 **once a 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 one dedicated staff member 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 break 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 after-school programming if required to protect staff and youth. Our health and safety protocols are based upon the following sources:

- California State Licensing Guidelines (May 2020 PIN 20-11-CCP)
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Guidance for Operating Childcare Programs during COVID-19 (June 2021)
- California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Guidance for Childcare Providers and Program (June 2021)

Will staff and youth be asked to stay home when they are sick, or if they have been in 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.

How long will staff and youth be asked to stay home for?

Each case is different, so we do evaluate them on a case-by-case basis, but some standards we are following for both staff and youth are:

- 10-day quarantine from positive COVID-19 test or symptom onset regardless of vaccination status
- 10-day quarantine if exposed to a positive COVID-19 case and unvaccinated (may return if asymptomatic and with a negative test after day 7)