

Dear Girl Scout family,

Many parents and volunteers have requested that Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails clearly spell out what the July 1st "re-opening of New Mexico" will mean for girls and adults while participating in any Girl Scout activity or program. While we may look at adjusting some capacity limits for in-person programs, GSNMT will continue to require the use of masks in most situations. We recognize that the CDC guidelines can be confusing at times, so please take a moment to review the adjustments that we have made over the past few weeks as restrictions and guidelines have evolved.

Our commitment to the safety and well-being of our members and the families and communities we serve remains steadfast, and we ask that all Girl Scouts, regardless of vaccination status, take into consideration our duty to "respect myself and others" when engaging with fellow members who are not fully vaccinated.

With that in mind, and following the CDC recommendations, the following guidelines must be followed with all Girl Scouting activities:

Troop & Service Unit Activities

- All girls and volunteers must wear masks inside when the activity includes anyone who is unvaccinated.
- Masks may be removed temporarily while participants are eating or drinking.
- Masks are not required to be worn for activities conducted outside, providing that all participants, regardless of vaccination status, will be separated by at

least 3 feet for the duration of the activity.

- If an outdoor activity requires that participants be closer than 3 feet at any point, masks should be worn during those parts of the activity.
- Troop & Service Unit leaders have the authority to require masks be worn inside or outside by all participants, regardless of age or vaccination status. However, leaders may not circumvent the requirement that masks be worn inside or when participants will be closer than 3 feet.

Council Activities / Camp

- All girls and volunteers must wear masks inside when the activity includes anyone who is unvaccinated.
- Masks may be removed temporarily while participants are eating or drinking.
- Masks are not required to be worn for activities conducted outside, providing that all participants, regardless of vaccination status, will be separated by at least 3 feet for the duration of the activity.
- If an outdoor activity requires that participants be closer than 3 feet at any point, masks should be worn during those parts of the activity.

Albuquerque Service Center / GSNMT Offices / La Tienda

• Masks are required inside all GSNMT facilities unless otherwise specified (i.e., an adult training where all participants are fully vaccinated). This includes La Tienda and the lobby of the ABQ Service Center.

Additionally, please note:

- New Mexico will retire it's color-coded, county-by-county system and all COVID health restrictions will be lifted July 1.
- Vaccine status is private health information, and the decision to vaccinate or not is highly personal. Be sure to respect individual decisions. Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails does not require vaccination in order to participate.
- Everyone has different levels of comfort in group settings. Be a sister to every Girl Scout and help each person feel valued and welcome.

- Some older Girl Scout level troops or groups of adults may voluntarily disclose their vaccination status. If all agree, the group can use the state guidance on masks for vaccinated persons. However, please be careful not to pressure others. Disclosure of vaccination status is "on my honor."
- Some places you visit may have additional standards. Please "respect authority" and follow the guidance required by these places and requests made by individuals you visit.

GSNMT recognizes that the COVID-19 health crisis is a fluid situation, and we will continue to monitor the guidelines provided by the state and local agencies.

Thank you for your patience, mindfulness, and collaboration as we all do our part to reduce the spread of COVID-19 – while continuing to build girls of courage, character, and confidence.

For general questions, please contact us at <u>customercare@nmgirlscouts.org</u> or please call (505) 343-1040



Have a question? Don't be shy! Contact us for more information.

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