

## GSEP COVID-19 FAQs

**1. Q: Do the in-person meeting guidelines pertain to adults as well as girls?**

A: Yes! All in-person meetings must follow CDC, PA State, and GSEP specific guidelines. This includes: troop meetings and activities, adult volunteer or Service Unit meetings, and/or adult committees and volunteer groups. You must also adhere to the guidelines if you have in-person recruitment events.

**2. Q: What about GSEP committee meetings?**

A: Meetings of council-sponsored volunteer committees (Alumni, History, Communications, etc.) will be considered and approved on a case-by-case basis. Please contact your council representative to discuss this.

**3. Q: Do Troop Leaders need to submit a form to the SUM whenever they change a meeting location or time?**

A: Troop information, including meeting location, is documented within the MYGS system per GSEP guidelines. As always, if meeting location, days or times change, please log in to your MYGS account, click your *Troop* tab, scroll to the bottom and click VIEW/EDIT TROOP INFORMATION to update and SAVE your information. Staff will update the information within 2 business days.

If your meeting location will change frequently due to COVID-19 and you are unable to document multiple locations, please submit a case noting the multiple locations (please use subject: Troop ### multiple meeting locations) and this will be on file with your troop record. Submission of forms for troop meeting changes is temporarily suspended.

For day trips/troop activities, please continue to use the GSEP Day Trip permission form as per guidelines. Reminder, in the current COVID-19 guidelines, carpooling and traveling outside of your county, is not permitted.

**4. Q: Does GSEP have a waiver that can be provided to troops for use?**

A: If holding in-person meetings, troops may use the **GSEP COVID-19 Liability Waiver**. Review the GSEP guidance with all families at your parent meeting and have all sign and submit the form or confirm via email. Troop leaders should maintain record of this. Copy of these waivers do not need to be submitted to GSEP.

**5. Q: Are troops and Service Units permitted to do fundraisers?**

A: According to Volunteer Essentials, Troop and Service Unit fundraisers are not permitted to take place during the fall Product Program, which starts on October 16<sup>th</sup> and ends on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, external fundraisers cannot compete with GSEP-sponsored product program sales. Please speak with your SUM if you have questions about whether your proposed fundraiser meets the GSEP guidelines. For any approved fundraisers, follow the same COVID-19 guidance for in-person activities.

**6. Q: Why does GSEP's mask policy differ from my local government or School District policy?**

A: GSEP mask guidelines will remain consistent across our council's geographic footprint. The Senior Management Team of GSEP will make decisions based on CDC and PA Department of Health recommendations, as well as GSEP-specific considerations.

**7. Q: If girls (volunteers) have existing health issues, do they have to wear masks?**

A: Please keep in mind that, according to the GSEP Volunteer COVID\_19 Guidance, we recommend making all decisions based on your most cautious members. If members of a troop have medical conditions that preclude wearing a mask, GSEP recommends virtual meetings. A doctor's note is not required.

**8. Q: Will there be a temporary opt-out process for troop size during COVID-19?**

A: No. Please follow the standard GSEP Opt Out process for all requests.