

March 10, 2020

Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson Members,

The safety and welfare of our girls, volunteers and staff is Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson's top priority.

We have been continuing to monitor the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation as it pertains to all 7 counties within our Council. We have had some questions from our members regarding the Council's position. As we stated in our previous communication, we recommend that everyone follow the guidelines and recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Department of Health (DoH) and the Office of the Governor of New York State.

Please see below for more detailed information:

### **Council Led Programming**

All council led programming through March 18<sup>th</sup> is being rescheduled. Everyone registered will receive confirmation with details and new dates.

We will continue to monitor the situation and make decisions for future council led programs as needed. Due to the evolving nature of this situation, some cancellations may have to be made with short notice, we will do our best to contact all of those affected as quickly as possible.

### **Activities That Include Outside Vendors Including Travel**

Service unit leaders and troop leaders should speak with their participants to decide if they will move forward with scheduled activities. If the determination is made to reschedule or cancel the activity the event organizer should contact the vendor directly to see what arrangements can be made.

### **Activities at Outside Vendors – i.e. “Girl Scouts Nights, etc.”**

If you are planning on attending this event as a Girl Scout activity – please check directly with the vendor as these are not Council Programs.

### **Service Unit and Troop Meetings**

We encourage our Service Units and Troop Leaders to engage with participants and to refer to the appropriate County's Department of Health as well the CDC in making any determination with regards to activities.

### **Cookie Program and Other Activities**

We encourage families and troop leaders to work together to make decisions about specific activities including the cookie program.

## **Girl Scouts Properties**

Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson is working with our contracted cleaning companies to do an additional deep clean at each location.

## **Adult Learning Activities**

The Volunteer Engagement Team will be reaching out to anyone registered for in-person training through March 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss options.

Below please see links to the CDC and the Counties Department of Health websites for further information:

The Center for Disease Control	<a href="https://www.cdc.gov">https://www.cdc.gov</a>
Westchester Department of Health	<a href="https://health.westchestergov.com/">https://health.westchestergov.com/</a>
Putnam County Department of Health	<a href="https://www.putnamcountyny.com/">https://www.putnamcountyny.com/</a>
Dutchess County Department of Health	<a href="http://dutchessny.gov/">http://dutchessny.gov/</a>
Rockland County Department of Health	<a href="http://rocklandgov.com/departments/health/">http://rocklandgov.com/departments/health/</a>
Orange County Department of Health	<a href="https://www.orangecountygov.com/149/Health">https://www.orangecountygov.com/149/Health</a>
Sullivan County Department of Health	<a href="http://sullivanny.us/departments/publichealth/coronavirus">http://sullivanny.us/departments/publichealth/coronavirus</a>
Ulster County Department of Health	<a href="https://ulstercountyny.gov/coronavirus">https://ulstercountyny.gov/coronavirus</a>
New York State Department of Health	<a href="https://www.health.ny.gov/">https://www.health.ny.gov/</a>

As always we are here to support our members. Please do not hesitate to contact Customer Care at [CustomerCare@girlscoutshh.org](mailto:CustomerCare@girlscoutshh.org) if you have any further questions.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

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