

COVID-19 Vaccinations FAQ for Parents and Volunteers

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1. Once adults are permitted to receive the COVID-19 vaccination, are volunteers required to be vaccinated before they can meet in person with girls?

Girl Scouts of Central and Southern New Jersey (GSCSNJ) strongly encourages, but does not require, vaccination for volunteers.

2. Can council staff members inquire about the vaccination status of volunteers?

Council staff should not inquire about a volunteer's vaccination status. Deciding to receive a vaccine is a personal decision and GSCSNJ expects our staff and members to respect the privacy of fellow members and their families.

3. Can parents/caregivers ask about the vaccination status of volunteers?

While parents/caregivers may certainly ask, volunteers are under no obligation to disclose their personal vaccination status. Also, under no circumstances should a volunteer discuss the personal healthcare decisions of another volunteer with anyone.

4. Can parents/caregivers or volunteers ask about the vaccination status of council staff and camp staff?

While parents/caregivers may certainly ask and GSCSNJ strongly encourages all council staff members who can get vaccinated to become vaccinated when the vaccine is available to them, council staff are under no obligation to disclose their personal vaccination status. Under no circumstances should one staff member discuss the personal healthcare decisions of another staff member with anyone.

5. Can parents/caregivers ask other parents/caregivers about the vaccination status of girls in the troop?

Parents/caregivers are certainly free to discuss vaccinations with other parents/caregivers when both parties are open to that conversation. However, parents/caregivers should not feel obligated to share personal medical information if they choose to maintain their privacy in the matter. GSCSNJ expects parents/caregivers to respect the privacy of the girls and other adults in their girl's troop.

6. Once vaccinations for children are available, can councils or troop leaders require girls to be vaccinated before they attend in-person activities?

COVID-19 vaccines are not expected to become available for children before the end of 2021. Council will stay abreast of state regulations and the protocols that are practiced in public schools and use that information to inform our policies.

7. Once someone is vaccinated, do they have to continue to practice the safety protocols as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), such as social distancing, washing their hands frequently, and wearing a mask?

Yes. For the protection of all members as well as the families and communities we serve, GSCSNJ will continue to practice and require all members to practice all CDC-recommended health and safety protocols at GSCSNJ events, activities and meetings, regardless of whether or not an individual has received the vaccine.