



Acknowledgement Statement for COVID-19

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan (GSHOM) is closely monitoring the COVID-19 updates from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), and local health departments, and is committed to providing updated guidance for our girls, volunteers, parents, and staff.

For those who wish to resume in-person troop activities, meetings, and trips, you must read and agree to follow the GSHOM Return to Troop Activities Guidance & Resources and COVID-19 Member Safety Guidelines, posted in our website ([GSHOM.org/coronavirus](https://www.gshom.org/coronavirus)), and all applicable policies, standards, and procedures found in current versions of *Safety Activity Checkpoints* and *Volunteer Essentials*.

AGREEMENT: I, _____ (please print your full name), have read the GSHOM Return to Trip Activities Guidance & Resources and the COVID-19 Member Safety Guidelines, posted in our website at [GSHOM.org/coronavirus](https://www.gshom.org/coronavirus).

I understand:

- COVID-19 is an extremely contagious virus that spreads easily from person-to-person contact. As with any social activity, participation in Girl Scouts could present the risk of contracting COVID-19. It is my responsibility to discuss with my healthcare professional if I/my girl should return to in-person troop activities, meetings, and trips.
- In-person troop activities, meetings, and trips are not required. Members and troops acknowledge that virtual meetings and activities are a critical part of GSHOM program offering and any girls or volunteers who prefer to meet virtually are encouraged to do so.
- GSHOM may modify these guidelines as circumstances and health recommendations change, and updates will be provided on the GSHOM website. It is my responsibility to check the GSHOM website for updates prior to any in-person troop activity, meeting, or trip.

I agree that I/my girl:

- Will comply with the guidelines and more stringent directives from the CDC, MDHHS, or my local health department issues, if any.
- Prior to any troop activity, meeting, or trip, I will monitor for symptoms associated with COVID-19, such as atypical cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, fever of a temperature of 100.4 or higher, or any other symptoms as outlined by the CDC, MDHHS, or my local health department. If I/my girl or anyone in my close contact has any of these symptoms, I/my girl will not participate in any in-person troop activity, meeting, or trip.
- In participating in-person troop activities, meetings, and trips, I am fully aware and appreciate the risks involved in contracting COVID-19. I assume the risks of harm, injury, illness, or loss, that may occur to me, my girl, and/or any persons that I/my girl am in close contact with, as a result of COVID-19, and I agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless GSHOM and its program partners, as a result of such harm, injury, illness, or loss.

Signature: _____

Date: _____