Girls Inc. University FAQ Sheet

What special safety precautions will Girls Inc. take to protect my girl?

- Girls and staff members’ temperatures will be taken twice a day
- Girls and staff are required to wear a face mask
- Social distancing, stay at least 6 feet apart
- Hands will be washed routinely throughout the day
- Limiting use of shared supplies
- Each class will remain together for lunch/snack
- High touch areas (door handles, etc.) will be sanitized at least twice daily, if not more
- Every classroom will have hand sanitizer stations and wipes

What will happen to this program when the schools go back to the traditional learning model?

Girls Inc University will continue to serve girls with full day programming once the traditional learning model is put into place as long as the schools continue to offer a virtual option.

What are my options when traditional learning begins back in the schools and I want my girl to go back to school?

You are definitely able to go back to traditional learning, but unfortunately, your girl will not be able to resume afterschool at the center. You will be able to participate in virtual Girls Inc. programs.

Do all girls and staff members need to be screened for illness each day?

Yes. When each girl is dropped off, the family will be asked specific questions and each girl will have her temperature taken. Girls that read above 100 degrees will be not be allowed into the building and will be sent home. Temperature checks will be conducted twice/day. Conducting regular screenings for symptoms and ongoing self-monitoring will help reduce exposure and limit the risk of spreading the disease.

Are face coverings/masks required for girls and staff every day?

Yes. Each girl and staff members will be required to wear a mask throughout the day.

What is a cloth face covering?
According to the Department Of Health (DOH), a cloth face covering is fabric that covers the nose and mouth. It can be:

- A sewn mask secured with ties or straps around the head or behind the ears.
- Multiple layers of fabric tied around a person’s head.
- Made from a variety of materials, such as fleece, cotton, or linen.
- Factory-made or made from household items.

**Can students use a face shield instead of a cloth face covering?**

No. Face shields can be used but you must also have a face mask. Face masks have a superior ability to capture more droplets from speaking, coughing, sneezing, etc.

**When students are wearing face coverings, is social distancing still the expectation?**

Yes. Face coverings combined with physical distancing increases health and safety, and both are DOH requirements.

**Will Girls Inc. consider a cohorting approach within the center?** (Cohorting is where a group of students (and sometimes teachers) stay together throughout the school day to minimize exposure for students, teachers, and staff across the school environment.)

Yes. Girls will remain with their designated groups and teachers/program facilitators throughout the school day.

**Will the girls be socially distanced in the classroom space?**

Yes. Girls Inc. will arrange their physical spaces to accommodate social distancing regulations.

**What is the process that Girls Inc. should take if a girl or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19?**

- Communicate to parents, bearing in mind privacy concerns.
- A single case of COVID-19 does not warrant closing the entire facility
- That girl and/or staff should self-isolation/quarantine for 14 days.
- Any girl/staff who had close contact with anyone who tested positive should be quarantined as well.
- They will need to self-isolate for at least 14 days after symptom onset and be fever free for 24 hours without medication before returning to the center as well as have a negative COVID-19 test result.

**What will happen if someone in my girls’ class/group is tested positive for COVID-19?**

- Communicate to parents, bearing in mind privacy concerns.
- A single case of COVID-19 does not warrant closing the entire facility
• That girl should self-isolation/quarantine for 14 days
• Any girl/staff who had close contact with anyone who tested positive should be quarantine as well.
• They will need to self-isolate for at least 14 days after symptom onset and be fever free for 24 hours without medication before returning to the center as well as have a negative COVID-19 test result.

What should we do if someone in our immediate household/network has been exposed to COVID-19?
That girl will have to self-quarantine for 14 days after exposure. Once the 14 days has expired, you are free to return to the center with a negative COVID-19 test result.

If COVID cases spike, will the center have to be closed for a period of time?
That will be left up to the discretion of the Girls Inc. Board of Directors and leadership team. Updates will be provided as quickly as they are known.

Will Girls Inc. require all girls and staff be tested for COVID-19?
We highly recommend that girls are tested for COVID prior to the start of the school year and continue to do so every so often. We will test our staff on a continual basis throughout the school year.

How will you communicate with parents throughout the school year?
Girls Inc. will use the Remind App (all parents must download), emails, phone calls, social media, and our newsletter for all communications and updates.

How long will the registration process be open?
Girls Inc. will continue to enroll girls on a rolling admission until all spaces have been filled.

How many girls will be in each group?
The enrollment for Girls Inc. University will be 60 maximum. We will not have more than 15 girls in each group.

What if my girl has an appointment during the day and needs to be picked up. What is the procedure?
Parents can call the center and inform the administrative assistant of an early pick up and the girl will be ready and waiting in the lobby for pickup at the designated time.
What if my girl has an appointment during the day and needs to be picked up, can she be dropped back off at the center after the appointment? Is this allowed? What is the procedure?

Yes. Parents can call the center and inform the administrative assistant of an early pick up and the girl will be ready and waiting in the lobby for pickup at the designated time. You can drop your girl back off after the appointment.

Will Girls Inc. provide lunch and breakfast?

Yes. We will be able to provide lunch, but breakfast will not be provided. Updates will be provided.

Will parents and volunteers be allowed into the center to interact with the girls?

Not currently. We are limiting entrance to girls, staff, and essential services.

Do you have to commit to attending a certain number of weeks?

Yes, when you register, you are committing to nine (9) weeks.

Do you have to participate in Girls Inc. University programming five days/week?

No. The tuition rate will remain the same regardless of the number of days you attend.

Do we accept CAPS?

We do not accept CAPS at the present time.

Will the girls be separated by age?

The girls will primarily be separated by school district and then by age/grade groups (size permitting).

Why are we requiring parents to provide additional documentation in the application process such as social security cards, driver’s license etc.?

We receive government funding that require Girls Inc. to verify information from each household. This funding allows us to provide scholarships to keep your tuition cost low.

Do we have Saturday opportunities for the girls?

Yes, starting in September we will introduce a weekend STEM Club that will meet every other Saturday for 4 hours. We will send additional information related to this program once it is finalized.
COVID-19 Information & Resources

For more information about the disease, please consult the resources below.

Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
Cobb & Douglas Public Health
Georgia Department of Education
Office of the Governor
Social Distance Guide for Youth PDF
Talking With Children About Coronavirus Disease 2019
Checklist for Teachers and Parents
Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations
Frequently Asked Questions
Governor’s Office Update on COVID-19 (Slide Presentation)
COVID-19 Update from Governor’s Office, GA Dept. of Public Health, GA Dept of Education (Slide Presentation)