

Daily FNGSC Website Updates Re: COVID-19 Outbreak

March 16th – March 20th

March 20, 2020: Congratulations on making it through this week! We've all been doing our best to adapt to our changing circumstances and learning how to live one day at a time. While you're at home try one of these fun activities on our new list of remote troop and individual activities. We are still assessing the status of the cookie sale and will let you know as soon as we have made some solid decisions. Stay tuned for our next website update on Monday, March 23rd. Have a great weekend, Girl Scouts.

March 19, 2020: Thank you to all the Cookie Managers who have completed the Survey Monkey about your troop cookies. This information is helping us form a plan quickly. We are happy to announce our at-home Girl Scout materials are fully online. The link to these materials can be found below. Thank you to the Council staff, Leah, Mimi and Meagan who have worked tirelessly to make that update possible along with many other projects that have pivoted our daily work into online services. We appreciate our volunteers too who have made the shift with us and patiently waited for our announcements during these uncertain times. We will have cookie updates to you soon but in the meantime, stay safe and try earning a fun patch tonight with your daughter!

March 18, 2020: The updates from the CDC recommend groups no larger than 10 convene for the next couple of months. Because of this, we are recommending troop meetings be suspended as well as cookie booth sales. Today, we have published alternative ways to sell extra troop cookies, and ways to stay active with Girl Scouts without meeting in groups. Today we sent a Survey Monkey about troop cookies to better help guide our decisions to finish out this sale. We appreciate our troops taking the time to fill out this quick survey. Further guidance on the cookie sale will be coming soon. Until then, we encourage all monies collected be deposited into troop accounts by either troop leaders or parents. Similarly, there is an urgency to finish pre-order deliveries with extra precautions when handling money and practicing social distancing.

March 17, 2020: Happy St. Patrick's Day to our members, mostly hanging out in their homes. The Girl Scout office has new rules in place to limit contact including entering no further than our lobby. Only visit the office if necessary. We have only one staff person at the office to answer the phones and email. To return cookie resources or tally sheets (or any other paperwork), a Drop-Off box has been set up in the lobby, or we ask that you keep them for now. To check out cookies from the cupboard, call in the order and it will be staged in the lobby, no sign-off is necessary. Booth sales at Fred Meyer have been suspended until further notice and Safeway sales will be evaluated throughout the week. Deadlines will also be evaluated and adjusted as needed. Resources for troops to practice selling cookies with limited or no-contact will be forthcoming this week. As schools have been suspended for two weeks or more, and

meetings of groups larger than 10 people restricted, Girl Scout troop meetings will also be suspended. Resources to continue troop activities electronically and at-home will be posted soon. Thank you for everyone's patience as we adjust our work processes daily based on changing recommendations.

March 16, 2020: Cookie Booth Sales for the weekend have concluded and were successful. Future booth sales will be evaluated for the rest of March. Next steps with the Cookie Sale will be sent this week. Expanded school closures are now in place so troop meetings for the next two weeks are suspended. All communications continue through our weekly Council Connection email, weekly Cook-E-News email and daily web updates. Please watch these closely for recommendations, restrictions and resources to help guide our members on the cookie sale, troop meetings, council programs and office operations. The office remains open for now for phone and email questions at 907-456-4782 or toll free in Alaska 800-478-4782. Emails include: shop@gsak.org, cookies@gsak.org, membership@gsak.org, program@gsak.org and ceo@gsak.org.

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March 15, 2020: Booth sales at all locations are running as scheduled, including Fred Meyer stores.

March 14, 2020: The weekend booth sales are going well. The newest update from the state is school closures have been expanded through March 30th. The person who was tested for COVID-19 in Fairbanks tested negative. Stay safe out there and follow all the recommendations of local, state and national officials.

March 13, 2020: Cookie Booth Sales will continue through this weekend. Practice hand washing, using hand sanitizer and social distancing. The Council office will reassess next week for further Booth Sales. Troop meetings are suspended as long as schools are closed, so far through Friday, March 20, 2020. Daily updates to this website will be posted to keep our membership up-to-date on Girl Scouting in northern Alaska.

March 12, 2020: [Letter from Council CEO to FNGSC Membership](#)