Dear Members,

The Coronavirus pandemic is fast moving and news is changing daily.

As we have previously shared, we do not make health policy, we follow the guidance and requirements from the experts.

Yesterday Gov Pritzker announced that all schools K-12 should be closed from Tuesday.

Following his announcement and a meeting with our Board this morning, we have made the following decisions:

1) Cookie booths are cancelled from this evening (so no booth tomorrow or next weekend).
2) All in person Girl Scout activities are cancelled or postponed from Sunday (tomorrow) to April 19th inclusive. This includes the Annual Meeting, troop meetings, service unit meetings, camp weekends, recruitment activities, preferred partner meetings, outreach troops, troop travel, trainings and any other GS activity, whether managed by staff or volunteers.
3) ALL resource centers will be open on Monday 16th March (Rock Falls, Rockford, Lake Zurich, South Elgin will have their normal opening hours; Oswego and Freeport will be open from 10am to 6pm) for our members and the public, for you to come in and pick up orders or purchase anything you need. The earliest they will re-opened is April 20th.
4) We recognize that there will be many questions about whether events are postponed or cancelled and what the financial impacts are to us all. The answer is we don’t know today. Right now we are concerned with people’s health and safety and following guidelines and requirements. We will be working on this over the coming days.

Please continue to watch for updates as we work through the implications of being in this new and unknown world, and please understand if we don’t have the answers today. We will continue to send emails, have FB posts and update our website.

Thinking and praying for you, your families, our Girl Scout family and our communities, as we enter this very difficult phase of our nation’s and our world’s history.

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