



A message from the Team at Girls Rock! Rochester,

From recent news reports, Girls Rock! Rochester learned that the novel virus COVID-19 is circulating in Monroe County. While we can't predict the short or long-term impacts of the spread of COVID-19, the news of a confirmed case in Monroe County suggests that we can expect the effects to evolve significantly over the coming weeks and months.

We are closely monitoring any ongoing/potential impacts on our community and are following all precautionary recommendations for organizations of our size and scope. Many factors are out of our control but staying informed and centering health and safety are our priority. You can rely on us to do everything to make community programming possible- and you can trust us to make a tough choice if the time comes.

Monroe County has not yet recommended the closing of UPK-12 public schools, and our convenings fall well below the current recommended capacity for cancellation or closure.

At this time, GR!R still plans to hold our Spring Workshop Series and March and April Open Mic event.

**The following workshops have been canceled: Looping 101 and Rock Costumes.**

We will be following all [recommendations from the CDC](#) as they apply to our programming, such as:

- Cleaning and disinfecting microphones, instruments, and other touch surfaces between performers and as necessary.
- Encouraging community members to stay home if they feel ill or care for someone elderly or immunocompromised.
- Sharing a live stream of open mic performers via Facebook so that our community can still engage with us, even if they decide to stay home.
- Maintaining a distance of six feet between workshop participants whenever possible.
- Following best practices for handwashing.



**Applications for summer camps will still open on April 1st. Should our course of action change over the course of the month of March, we will keep you informed. We reserve the right to cancel at any time in consideration of any shifts in the nature of the spread of COVID-19 in Monroe County.**

We are committed to doing everything in our control to minimize financial losses for our participants and organization. We are actively updating terms for our cancellation and refund policies, as well as a financial contingency plan for the long-term health of GR!R.

**We will adjust our internal deadlines and payments due for all camps, and guarantee full refunds to any participants who cancel attendance to camp in relationship to COVID-19.** We will also do our best to communicate consideration for volunteers requesting stipends, creating as much flexibility as possible for those most affected by loss-income/resource to recover or create alternative plans. We recognize that these moments of uncertainty have the greatest impact on under/unemployed people and folks who work in the gig economy.

Please note Girls Rock! Rochester wants to thank Girls Rock Philly for crafting the bulk of this message and for allowing us to alter it to fit the needs of our organization.

Please email [info@girlsrockrochester.org](mailto:info@girlsrockrochester.org) if you have any questions, concerns or feedback. We echo the language put forth by the Girls Rock Camp Alliance:  
**Please remember that caring for yourself has always been revolutionary.**