

Summer Camp in the World of Corona Virus

We are excited about our summer camps for 2020 but know that modifications need to be made to ensure a safe summer for our campers, staff members, and the community. Here are ways we are working to adapt to a world with corona virus.



Morning Check In - To limit the number of people in our buildings and touch door handles, check in will occur outside the camp facility whenever weather will permit. If check in occurs inside due to weather, it will be as near to the entrance as possible.

*SPARK – outside the front doors of the Recreation Center.

*SPARK – if we get to open SPARK North and South later in the summer, check in will occur outside the front doors of the school buildings.

*Half Day Specialty Camps – outside the lower level door of Community of Christ.

*Trail Trekkers – students will check themselves in when arriving to the North Ridge Pavilion. If a parent needs to speak with a staff member, we are happy to step out for a conversation.

Sign In – please provide your name to the check in staff member and he/she will sign your child in so we limit multiple touches of writing utensils.

Wellness Checks - We will take temperatures for staff and campers each day and ask health questions each day. We ask that you keep your camper home if he or she has:

*A Fever of 100.4 degrees or more. If he/she has had a fever, the camper may not return to camp until he or she has been fever-free for 72 hours.

*An unexplained cough

*Shortness of breath

*Loss of taste or smell.

CDC recommendations will be followed for isolation of a family member (camper) if someone in the household tests positive. This may be ten to fourteen days if there is a person in the household with corona virus. We will refund the camp tuition for that time. We would need everyone to be safe by staying home if there is someone in the household with corona virus.

Afternoon Check out – we will have a similar procedure for camper checkout after 4:00 p.m. as the sign in above. You'll be provided this information on your first day of camp. This will help us spread parents out during pick up procedures and limit exposure to campers and staff.

Personal Belongings – we will not be using baskets or cubbies for campers this year to reduce touchable surfaces. Campers should have a backpack big enough to carry all their personal belongings and should practice packing and unpacking.

Water Bottles – each camper will need to bring a water bottle each day. Drinking fountains will not be opened this summer to decrease the spread of corona virus transmission.

Social Distancing for Kids - We teach campers to keep a helicopter’s length between each person. This includes arms span plus enough room to not be “hit by a blade.”

Social Distancing for Groups – we will be staying in our groups of ten or less and keeping the same groups together during the week, as much as we can. When released by the Governor for larger groups, we will come together for uses of larger spaces but still spend much of our day in smaller groups spread out throughout the park.

Washing Hands and Hand Sanitizing – campers and staff will use hand sanitizer whenever entering a building, whenever moving from one space to the next space for an activity, and each hour if we haven’t moved activities. We will also use hand sanitizer at our outside locations.

High Touch Surfaces – we are cleaning high touch surfaces every three to four hours for general areas of the building and between group uses for specific summer camp areas.

Face Masks – staff will wear a face mask when interacting closely with children such as helping with a craft, helping with lunch, and providing First Aid. At other times, when staff are observing campers at play, and there is six foot between a staff member and campers, masks are optional for staff. Campers are welcome to wear their own masks.

Toys from Home – Plush toys will not be allowed at camp. Campers will not be allowed to share toys from home with other children. This includes electronics if allowed to bring to camp on a special day.

Camper Becomes Ill – if a camper becomes ill during the camp day, he/she will be isolated from the other campers and asked to wear a mask while waiting for pick up, regardless of symptoms.

Sanitizing Games, Toys, Puzzles – staff will sanitize games, game pieces, toys, puzzles, as well as craft supplies, markers, and other tools between each camper.

Books - Shared camp books will be wiped after each use. Books from home should not be shared between campers.

Playgrounds – we will use the playground when it reopens. The City will not be cleaning the playground pieces. Staff will have hand sanitizer at several locations and will encourage use to sanitize throughout time on the playground. We’ll shorten our playground sessions as well to ensure we are washing hands and using hand sanitizer on a frequent basis. Campers will be reminded not to touch their faces, especially while on the playground.

Potential Corona Virus Closures - While we know that we may not be able to stop corona virus from entering camp, we are doing everything we can to ensure that it does not. If we have an incident of corona virus we will,

*Evaluate if the person spent time with camp in a close environment. Staff who do not work with camp but are in the building for other Recreation functions may not have been in contact with campers.

*If so, staff and campers will be informed.

*If it is found that camp needs to close for a recommended cleaning or waiting period, all campers and staff will be informed and tuition refunded for any camp days lost.