

# CAMP ENCOURAGE PREVENTION PLAN

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Camp Encourage is committed to maintaining safety for our campers, staff, volunteers, and families. As we transition back to gathering together, to the greatest extent possible, we will employ maximum preventative measures to protect our camp community outlined within this plan, as recommended by the CDC, local health departments, and the American Camp Association (ACA).

*The plan will be adjusted as new information is and as recommendations are released. Leadership will consistently review this plan to make sure it is feasible and can be carried out regularly.*



## COMMUNICATION, HEALTH SCREENING, AND PREVENTING COVID-19 INFECTIONS

- Staff and volunteers will receive communication on all preventative measures for full awareness.
- Parents / Legal guardians of campers will receive documentation to explain rules and guidelines for campers to follow during their time at camp.
- Parents / Legal guardians of campers will receive information on the precautions and procedures that will be implemented to minimize the risk of COVID-19 exposure.
- Safety measures will be reviewed with campers shortly after arrival to camp.
- Visual reminders will be placed throughout the cabin and campgrounds to remind campers about handwashing, social distancing, etc.).
- Staff, campers, and volunteers will be prescreened prior to camp.
- Staff, campers, and volunteers will be screened upon arriving to camp.
- Proper ventilation within a space will be maximized for fresh air intake or natural ventilation via screened windows and doors.
- Outdoor activities will be held as often as feasible.
- Campers, staff, and volunteers will be required to wear cloth face coverings (no "gators" or bandanas, please) during all activities (indoor and outdoor) when maintaining physical distancing is not feasible. Masks may be removed when swimming, showering, dining and when sleeping. Bring enough masks to have a clean one for each day and extras, just in case. Masks will be provided should a participant not have one. *Note: If wearing a mask is difficult for a camper due to sensory sensitivities or other reasons, please just let us know in advance as exceptions can be made in unique situations per the Americans with Disabilities Act.*
- Drinking fountains will be used for filling water bottles only.
- Physical guides, such as tape on floors and signs on walls will be used to promote social distancing and boundaries.
- Clear routines for walking in common spaces and entering / exiting buildings will be established to reduce the number of individuals entering and leaving at a given time.



- Temperature checks will occur daily for all campers, volunteers, and staff.
- Those working as health staff will monitor symptoms and health-related comments, making rounds frequently. If anyone shows symptoms of any illness, a temperature check will be performed respectfully as well as in accordance with any applicable privacy laws or regulations and the individual will be isolated until an adult can take him or her home. In such an event, those within that setting or group will be relocated and the area will be disinfected, following the directions of the county health department.

## **FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

- Cabin access will be limited only to individuals who reside in that cabin. Visitors and parents entering the cabin at drop off and pickup periods in the residential spaces will be avoided. (Lead staff may enter cabins if necessary.)
- Upon entering a cabin, each individual will wash his or her hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or will use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.
- Staff and volunteers will support campers to keep personal belongings organized and separate from other campers' belongings.
- Bathroom use will be staggered.
- For overnight experiences and when possible, at least six feet of space will be created between beds. If utilizing head-to-toe orientation, four feet of space between beds will be created.
- Access to and use of the pool will be staggered by small groups so that cohorts do not mix.

## **FOOD SERVICE AND OTHER DELIVERIES**

- Prior to entering the dining hall, each individual will wash his or her hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or will use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.
- Meals will be staggered by small groups so that cohorts do not mix.
- Social distancing will be maintained while dining.
- Doors will remain open to prevent repeated door touching.
- Food service will be adjusted (a buffet will likely no longer be used; rather, individual plates will be served from a service window).

## **CLEANING AND DISINFECTION**

- High touch surfaces including door handles, sink handles, toilets, showers, and restrooms will be sanitized on a continuous basis throughout the day.
- Spaces and materials will be thoroughly sanitized between group usage.
- The amount of shared supplies and equipment will be limited by providing each participant his or her own (i.e. art supplies) for the duration of camp, when feasible.
- Antibacterial soap will be provided in cabins, dining hall, bathrooms and any space where hands are washed.
- If a camper needs playground equipment for a sensory break or other need, campers will need to wash hands (or sanitize) before and after use.
- Sanitation materials (hand wipes, cleaning wipes, hand sanitizer) will be provided for all volunteers and in all spaces utilized.



## CAMPERS AND STAFF

- Groups will be organized into the smallest practical sizes ("cohorts" "pods") and to the extent possible, groups will be kept consistent throughout the camp program. The number of maximum people per space at a time will be adjusted according to local and state guidelines.
- To the extent possible, mixing between groups will be minimized.
- Non-essential visitors will be restricted into camp as much as possible. This may include deliveries, vendors, volunteers, parents and family members, and Board members.

## ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

- A drop off and pick up schedule will be created in which groups of campers are to be dropped off at camp / depart from camp at staggered timeframes.
- Parents / Guardians will be encouraged to designate only one adult (who is not at [higher risk for severe illness per CDC guidance](#)) to pick up and drop off campers.
- Upon arrival to camp:
  - At this time, individuals entering the cabins will be limited to those residing inside. Although special allowances *may* be made for first time campers or others struggling with the transition, the adult dropping off the camper should do so in the designated location and either
    - remain inside his or her vehicle or
    - check in at the table located outside of the cabin or meeting space.
  - Baggage will be disinfected using wipes, giving special attention to the handles and other non-porous portions.
  - Campers will wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.
  - Each camper will have his or her temperature checked, respectfully, as well as in accordance with any applicable privacy laws or regulations.

## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT PLAN

- Participants will be asked to supply well-fitting masks for the duration of camp (at least one per day). Extras will be encouraged to be sent should one become soiled, and extras will be available by Camp Encourage.
- Face masks will be readily provided by the camp and worn by all (staff, volunteers, and campers) as directed by local and state guidelines. Presently, masks are required to be worn by all participants unless swimming, sleeping, showering, and dining.
- Masks must have at least two layers of fabric and must cover the nose and mouth at all times.
- Staff, volunteers, and campers will be trained to correctly don, doff, maintain, and dispose of PPE and face masks relevant to respective level of protection.
- Necessary PPE will be available near workstations in the camp where they will be used. This includes: N95 Respirators, Disposable gowns, Disposable gloves, eye protection (and facemasks, as needed).



## **PARENT / GUARDIAN SUPPORT**

- We may have parents / guardians track camper wellness for two weeks prior to arriving to camp. If so, details and the needed form will be provided.
- Should anyone in your family travel to areas of high exposure or if any family member shows signs of illness such as cold or flu-like symptoms, coughing, headache, chills or fever, loss of taste or smell, campers should remain at home in isolation. Do not send campers with any kind of illness, cold, or flu. With fever, seek medical advice immediately.

## **IF CAMP ENCOURAGE EXPERIENCES A CONFIRMED OR SUSPECTED CORONAVIRUS**

- Any camper who becomes symptomatic will be isolated and parents will be contacted to pick up their camper.
- An established isolated health area will be available to accommodate anyone showing symptoms that also provides adult supervision. The supervising adults will use standard and transmission-based precautions when supervising a sick person.
- If we do have an infection, or suspected infection at camp, we will notify the local county health department.
- Families, faculty, and Board members will be notified of a confirmed case and the plan of action while maintaining confidentiality as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Recommendations of the local health department will be followed for a confirmed or suspected coronavirus. This may include closing off the areas used by any sick person and waiting 24 hours before the area is cleaned or disinfected to reduce the risk to those cleaning.