

Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Resident / Overnight Youth Camp Operators and Staff

Be advised:

Youth camps may prepare to open and obtain the necessary supplies and equipment in order to follow the below health and safety protocols. At this time, youth camps may open on May 31, 2020. These protocols may be updated based on guidance from the CDC and/or the American Academy of Pediatrics.

To the extent possible, separate campers and staff into groups or cohorts that remain consistent over the camp session. Discourage mixing between groups or cohorts. Consider programs that operate by groups defined by age/grade or bunks with dining/activity cohorts that may include single or a group of bunks.

Drop Off Procedures

- No parents or guardians visiting the camp during or between camp sessions, except to drop-off and pick-up campers.
- Modify camper drop-off and pick-up procedures to keep parents and guardians from coming within 6 feet of individuals not within the same household. Possible strategies include, but are not limited to, staggering drop-off and pick-up times.
- If possible, parents and guardians should remain in their vehicles at camper drop-off and pick-up.

Visitors

- No visitors to the camp unless necessary for camp operations, such as food delivery. Visitors should maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet from other individuals while at camp, and should follow camp protocols for symptom screening and hand washing or sanitization.

Staff and Volunteers

- Designate a facility on the camp grounds for staff to take a break.
- Once staff arrives at the camp, they should be restricted from traveling into surrounding communities during their time off as much as possible. Weekly, supervised trips to stores for essential goods while wearing masks should be allowed.
- Hold packages received by the camp for 24 hours before delivering to campers or staff.
- Develop, train and implement increased daily sanitization protocols for common surfaces, restrooms, dining halls, cabins, recreational equipment, and camp facilities.
- Make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available throughout the camp.
- **Consider having an individual wholly or partially dedicated to ensuring the health protocols adopted by the camp are being successfully implemented and followed.**

Screening

- At least daily while at camp, all staff and campers will be screened for any new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19, including having temperatures taken.
- Ensure access to on-site medical personnel, or on-call physician, for the duration of a camp session.
- On initial arrival at camp, all campers and staff should undergo a screening supervised by the camp health staff to assess the potential for communicable diseases, to establish a health status baseline, and to identify health problems.
- Parents or guardians may choose to wait nearby until the camper's health screening is complete.

Additional Safety Protocols

- Consistent with the actions taken by many employers across the state, consider having all staff and campers wear cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth). If available, staff and campers should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.
- Personal fans should only be pointed at one camper; ceiling fans are permissible.
- Campers should sleep head to toe in upper and lower bunks. Bunk beds should be spaced as far apart as feasible in cabin. Air circulation through open windows and fans is encouraged.
- **Remind campers, parents, and guardians on exit of the enhanced risks of campers being in direct contact with anyone age 65 or older for 14 days after the end of the camp session.**