

# Camp Canaan COVID-19 Protocols

In response to COVID-19, we have updated our protocols to ensure that every measure is taken to protect the health and wellbeing of our campers and staff. This document is an addendum to our current Parent Handbook. Policies and procedures included within this document may supersede other protocols.

**As a parent, we ask that you take the time to review the instructions outlined in this document.** Your cooperation and support play a significant role in keeping everyone safe. You can also help us achieve this goal by reinforcing with your child the importance of listening to their counselors and following the instructions outlined in this document. We are truly grateful that you have entrusted us with your camper this summer!

## Staff

At staff training on May 28th, all of our counselors will go through a screening process. This screening will include a health survey covering the 14 days prior to staff training. Daily health checks will be conducted every morning before staff members begin their workday. We will take each employee's temperature, and they will be assessed for any COVID-19 related symptoms (e.g., coughing, shortness of breath, chills, body aches, sore throat, etc.). If there is any cause for concern, the staff member will be quarantined immediately. Staff will be educated and trained in the procedures outlined in this document and the guidelines set forth by the CDC and local authorities.

## Before Coming to Camp

**Please check your child's temperature every morning before you bring them to Camp Canaan.** If your camper has a temperature or any illness, we ask that you not bring your child to camp. If your camper has been sick within 14 days before your scheduled session, please contact Summer Camp Director Drew Hart ahead of time to discuss your situation. Drew can be reached at [drew@campcanaan.org](mailto:drew@campcanaan.org) or by phone at (803) 327-6932. For the health and wellbeing of all camp families and staff, we ask that if anyone within your household has tested positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of your session that you not come to camp.

## Pick Up and Drop Off

Our staff will screen every camper upon arrival, and parents will not leave until the temperature screening is complete. For Day Camp families, the temperature screening will happen before your child gets out of the vehicle and will be documented on the sign-in sheet. For our Resident Camp programs, the nurse will check your child's temperature at check-in and each morning

before starting programs. Daily temperature checks will be documented in the camper's health record.

Parents will stay outside of all buildings for pick up and drop off. A staff member will electronically sign in and sign out campers to reduce unnecessary contact with pens, papers, clipboards, etc. If tablets or keyboards are used by multiple staff, they will be disinfected between each use.

Hand hygiene stations will be set up where children are dropped off for camp and throughout the premises. Before campers go to their programs, they will be required to clean their hands. Staff will monitor the handwashing stations to ensure that campers wash their hands for at least 20 seconds, scrubbing their fingers, between their fingers, and under their fingernails. If a sink with soap and water is not available, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol will be provided. Hand sanitizer will be out of children's reach and supervised when in use.

If a parent/guardian shows signs or symptoms related to COVID-19, we ask that one of the emergency contacts or someone on the approved pick-up list pick up the camper instead. The front gate will remain closed while camp is in session to eliminate unscheduled inquiries. Only necessary vendors will come on the property while camp is in session, and these vendors' will be monitored by one of our staff to ensure that they adhere to the guidelines set forth by the CDC and local authorities. All vendors will have their temperature taken before being granted access to the camp.

## **Hand Hygiene**

Camp Canaan will require that all campers, staff members, and volunteers engage in hand hygiene at the following times:

- Arrival at the facility and after each program
- Before and after preparing or handling food or drinks
- Before and after eating
- Before and after administering medication or medical ointment
- After using the bathroom
- After coming in contact with bodily fluid
- After handling garbage
- After blowing one's nose, coughing, or sneezing

***\*A counselor will be present at all times to ensure that proper handwashing procedures are followed.***

***\*Posters with proper handwashing procedures will be placed near sinks.***

# Building Guidelines

***\*\*All buildings will follow the CDC and DHEC guidelines for sanitation. Here are a few examples of the procedures we will follow for our most trafficked buildings.***

## Welcome Center & Multipurpose Building Guidelines

### Before entry:

- All staff and campers will be required to apply hand sanitizer, which will be placed at the front door.

### At the end of each day:

- Toilets, faucets, and door handles will be sanitized
- The kitchen area will be sanitized
- Phones and tablets will be wiped with sanitizer

### At the end of each week:

- The entire welcome center will be deep cleaned, which includes: mopping with a sanitizer, deep cleaning bathrooms, wiping all desks and chairs, and sanitizing any non-porous surface that can be cleaned with a cloth and sanitizer.

## Cabins

- Campers will be required to apply hand sanitizer every time they enter the cabins
- Bathrooms will be cleaned and sanitized daily
- Door handles and faucets will be sanitized every morning and evening
- Campers will be asked to keep all personal items (e.g., flashlights and pillows) in their possession and refrain from sharing with other campers.

## Mealtime

All meals will be eaten at our outdoor basketball pavilion in the open air. Tables will be placed 6 feet apart. All tables and surfaces will be wiped down with sanitizing solution between each meal.

## Group Size and Camper Interaction

In a camp setting, it is not feasible to social distance at all times, and there is no way to guarantee families a risk-free environment. However, we can do everything possible to limit the amount of close contact. We have modified our summer camp programs to offer as much social distancing as possible. However, there are group activities such as pool time, morning assembly, lunch, etc., where social distancing can be a challenge.

## **Day Camp**

Camp Canaan has a 1:8 counselor to camper ratio. All of our programs are designed with this in mind. Each counselor is assigned 8 campers, and they typically are teamed up with one other counselor with a group of 8. These 16 campers go to all activities together.

## **Resident Camp**

Our Resident Camp programs have a total of 50 campers per session; 25 boys and 25 girls. We have one girl's cabin and one boy's cabin. Each cabin has two sides with a shared bathroom between the two sides. The campers are broken up evenly in each cabin, i.e., 12 campers on one side of the cabin and 13 campers on the other side. Campers typically go to activities in groups of 12-16 campers with 2 counselors.

# **Programs Guidelines**

***\*\*We have re-evaluated all of our programs with COVID-19 and the safety of our campers in mind. Detailed below are some of the measures we have taken to improve the safety of our programs that require closer contact.***

## **Archery Tag Guidelines**

- Archery Tag will only be played on Tuesday and Thursday.
- Archery Tag masks will be cleaned with sanitizing wipes between each use by our staff.
- Campers will be required to wear a face mask or other protective mask under the Archery Tag mask to help prevent the spread of germs.
- Handles of bows will be wiped with sanitizer after each player.
- At the end of each day, all masks, arrows, and bows will be dunked in sanitizer and allowed to air dry before the next session.

## **Canopy Tour Guidelines**

- Participants will be required to wear a face mask at all times while on the tour.
- Helmets will be sprayed with Lysol between each use and sanitized at the end of the day.
- Helmets will be deep cleaned at the end of each week.

## **High Adventure Course**

- Gear will be sanitized daily between activities.
- Helmets will be sprayed with Lysol between each use and sanitized at the end of the day.
- We will limit the number of campers at each station
- Only four campers will be allowed on the High Adventure Course at one time to allow plenty of distance between participants.

## **Kayaking**

- Kayaks, paddles, and personal floatation devices (PFDs) will be sanitized between trips.
- We will use our larger bus for transportation to ensure plenty of distance between campers on the trip back.

## **Information Regarding COVID-19**

**Below are links to the guidelines we will follow in our programs and our buildings' sanitization.**

**If a case of COVID-19 has been reported from a camper or one of our staff during one of our camp sessions, we will notify campers and their families who may have come into contact with this person.**

## **Understanding Virus Spread**

Current research suggests that the virus is mainly spread through respiratory droplets. However, transmission is also possible by touching a surface or object with the virus on it and then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.

## **How to protect yourself and others:**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

## **Symptoms**

Based on available evidence, children do not appear to be at higher risk for COVID-19 than adults. While some children and infants have been sick with COVID-19, adults make up the most known cases to date.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

## **Guidance for Cleaning & Disinfecting Public Spaces**

[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/pdf/ReOpening\\_America\\_Cleaning\\_Disinfection\\_Decision\\_Tool.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/pdf/ReOpening_America_Cleaning_Disinfection_Decision_Tool.pdf)

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