# Radnor Township Recreation & Community Programming

# Memorandum

To:

Radnor Day Camp Families & Campers Summer 2021

From: (9)

CC:

Tammy Cohen, Director of Recreation & Community Programming Department Heather DiCanzio, Program Supervisor; Tracey Krum, Program Coordinator; Natalie

Chaiko, Recreation Assistant; Radnor Day Camp Staff

Subject: Radnor Day Camp Summer 2021 Operating Health & Safety Procedures - Amendments as

of Thursday, June 17, 2021

As the Recreation & Community Programming Department continues to closely monitor the changing information provided by the federal, state and local county agencies including the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), the PA Department of Health, and the Governor of Pennsylvania regarding COVID-19, our goal is to deliver Radnor Day Camp in accordance with the guidelines that have been put forth by these agencies. Internally, our Department is also working very closely with the Radnor Township Office of Emergency Management relative to these guidelines. Camper health and safety, along with that of our camp families and staff, remains a top priority for us this summer.

Please be advised of the following summary of changes that has been outlined in the CDC Guidance for Operating Youth Camps Updated as of May 28, 2021. As a result, we have amended our Radnor Day Camp Summer 2021 Health & Safety Operating Procedures in accordance with the following information. All other policies and procedures remain in place. Please see attached for all documentation.

#### Camper & Staff Mask Wearing

- Although people who are fully vaccinated do not need to wear masks, Radnor Day Camp will
  continue to require that masks be worn by all campers and staff indoors at all corresponding
  Radnor Day Camp facilities with the exception of lunch/snack times at which point when there
  are multiple camp groups indoors at one time (such as when there is inclement weather), groups
  will have their lunch/snack on a rotating time cycle. Therefore, only one camp group will be
  permitted to take their masks off at one time while inside.
- Non-vaccinated campers and staff are encouraged to wear their masks at all times (except during lunch/snack times and during times where they can physically distance while outdoors).
- Masks will not be worn when doing outdoor activities that could get masks wet, such as during
  water play or while swimming (swimming is for campers who have pre-registered only). Because
  mask should not be worn in pools, campers and staff should maintain physical distance. Capacity
  will also be limited.
- Consistent and correct mask use will be promoted (secure-fitting and over the nose and mouth).
- Radnor Day Camp will continue to be supportive of campers and staff who choose to wear a mask.

### Camper Group Cohorts:

- Campers will continue to be assigned to cohorts (camp groups) that will remain together for the
  entire session without mixing, to the largest extent possible (i.e., camper siblings and Camp
  Coordinators who will work with various camper group cohorts).
- In some cases, camper group cohorts may not be limited based on their September 2021 grade and some groups may exceed 25 individuals including campers and staff.

### Camper/Family Daily Health Reporting and Responsibility:

- Daily Temperature assessments at camp will no longer be conducted; parents/guardians/campers
  and staff are asked to continue to monitor daily at home for signs of infectious illnesses including
  COVID-19 and to stay home and seek medical care if there are signs or symptoms.
- Campers and staff are encouraged to get tested for COVID-19 if they are having symptoms of COVID-19 or are unvaccinated and have been in close contact of someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19.
- Radnor Day Camp encourages parents/guardians of campers and staff with weakened immune systems on the importance of talking with their healthcare providers to discuss their activities and extra precautions they may need to keep taking to prevent COVID-19. Out of an abundance of caution, the CDC recommends masking and physical distancing for people with weakened immune systems.

#### Camp Activities:

- Camp activities will continue to take place in majority outside, therefore providing a safer environment for all campers and staff with regard to COVID-19.
- All camp activities will continue to promote physical distancing and low contact among staff and campers where possible.
- Weather permitting, campers and staff will eat lunch/snack outdoors while maintaining physical distancing to the extent that is possible.

### Facility:

- Radnor Middle School's cafeteria may be used for daily lunch/snack time for inclement weather.
- Water fountains will be available to campers at Radnor Activity Center and Radnor Middle School for the purposes of refilling their water bottles ONLY.
- Designated, painted camper zones will be used for outdoor lunch/snack time and directional markings and other indicators will be used indoors in areas potential for increased gathering.

We appreciate your attention to this information. Please do not hesitate to reach me with any questions or to discuss further at 610-688-5600, x 141. Thank you for working with our Department to provide a safe and successful summer at Radnor Day Camp!





# COVID-19

CDC has updated its guidance for people who are fully vaccinated. See Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People.

# Guidance for Operating Youth Camps

Updated May 28, 2021

Print

# **Summary of Recent Changes**

Updates as of May 28, 2021

^

- Added section on promoting vaccination.
- Added section on planning and preparing for camp.
- Added information on choosing safer activities.
- Added link to information for staff and campers who are at increased risk of getting severely ill from COVID-19.
- Added guidance for camps where everyone is fully vaccinated.
- Updated guidance for camps where not everyone is fully vaccinated.
- Added information on Community Use of Cloth Masks to Control the Spread of SARS-CoV-2.
- Updated guidance on outdoor mask usage.
- Updated information on trips outside of camp.

**View Previous Updates** 

# **Key Points**

- COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective, and widely accessible in the United States.
- Everyone aged 12 years and older is recommended to be vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as possible to keep from getting and spreading COVID-19.
- This guidance is intended for all types of youth day and overnight camps. The guidance outlines strategies that camp programs can use to help maintain healthy environments and operations, lower the risk of COVID-19 spread in their programs, prepare for when someone is sick with COVID-19, and support coping and resilience.
- For camps where everyone is **fully vaccinated** prior to the start of camp, it is safe to return to full capacity, without masking, and without physical distancing in accordance with CDC's Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People; except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations.
- Although people who are fully vaccinated do not need to wear masks, camp programs should be supportive of campers or staff who choose to wear a mask.
- Consistent and layered use of multiple prevention strategies can help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and protect people who are not fully vaccinated including campers, staff, and their families.

- This guidance describes physical distancing recommendations for youth camps. These recommendations align with current evidence for physical distancing in K-12 schools.
- Campers should be assigned to cohorts that will remain together for the entire camp session without mixing, to the largest extent possible.
- This CDC guidance is meant to supplement—**not replace**—any federal, state, local, territorial, or tribal health and safety laws, rules, and regulations with which camps must comply

# Introduction

Youth camps can play an important role in the lives of children, including supporting their social, emotional, and physical development. Camps provide opportunities for children to try new activities, develop relationships, develop social and emotional skills, and be physically active. In addition to allowing for free play and unstructured learning, many camps also incorporate educational content. This interim guidance is intended to help camp administrators operate camps while slowing the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19 thereby protecting campers, their families, staff, and communities.

While fewer children have been sick with COVID-19 compared with adults, children can be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, can get sick from COVID-19, can spread the virus to others, and can have severe outcomes.<sup>1, 2, 3, 4, 5</sup> Children who have COVID-19 but have no symptoms ("asymptomatic") can still spread the virus to others. Children are more likely to be asymptomatic or have mild, non-specific symptoms and they are much less likely than adults to have severe illness or die.<sup>6, 7</sup> Both adults and children with certain underlying medical conditions are at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

Currently, we are still learning how well the COVID-19 vaccines protect people with weakened immune systems, including people who take immunosuppressive medications. Camp administrators should advise staff and parents/caregivers/guardians of campers with weakened immune systems on the importance of talking to their healthcare providers to discuss their activities and extra precautions they may need to keep taking to prevent COVID-19. Out of an abundance of caution, CDC recommends continued masking and physical distancing for people with weakened immune systems.

Vaccination is the leading public health prevention strategy in the United States to help end the COVID-19 pandemic. People who are not fully vaccinated, including children under the age of 12 years who are not yet eligible for vaccination, still need to use all the tools we have available to slow the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. For any campers or staff who are not fully vaccinated, consistent use of multiple prevention strategies as described in this document will limit or slow the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19 in many settings, including youth camps.<sup>8, 9, 10, 11</sup>

This CDC guidance is meant to supplement—not replace—any federal, state, local, territorial, or tribal health and safety laws, rules, and regulations with which camps must comply.

This guidance is intended for all types of youth day camps with additional guidance for overnight camps. Summer learning programs should follow CDC's Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools through Phased Prevention.

# Section 1: Planning and Preparing

Planning and preparing are important steps to take before reopening and for continuing camp operations. Each camp program should have a plan in place to protect staff, campers, families, and communities from the spread of COVID-19. This plan should be incorporated into their overall operational plan. The plan should include steps to take when a camper or staff member has been exposed to someone with COVID-19, has symptoms of COVID-19, is tested for COVID-19, or receives a positive test result for COVID-19. The plan should be developed in collaboration with regulatory agencies, state, local, territorial, and tribal public health departments, and other organizations that support the camp program. It should also align with state and local licensing regulations. Camp operators should involve staff, parents/guardians, and other community partners (for example, health centers) in the development of the plan.

The plan should address, at a minimum, the following topics

Strongly encourage COVID-19 vaccination for all eligible campers and staff

- Document protocol/policy differences, if any, for people who are fully vaccinated versus those who are not fully vaccinated
- Health screening for infectious illnesses, including COVID-19
- Diagnostic and screening testing for COVID-19
- The application of multiple prevention strategies to protect people who are not fully vaccinated
- Reviewing safety protocols for staff and campers who are at increased risk of getting severely ill from COVID-19
- Modifying camp activities to choose safer activities such as outdoor over indoor activities
- Travel to and from overnight camp
- Travel to and from offsite camp activities
- Cleaning facilities and equipment
- Proper use of personal protective equipment by any healthcare staff
- Consider implementation of flexible, supportive paid sick leave and supportive policies and practices as part of a comprehensive approach to prevent and reduce transmission
- Policies and practices that allow families flexibility, such as changing camp registration dates, if campers or their families
  are affected by COVID-19 (such as being in quarantine, isolation or waiting on COVID-19 test results)
- Managing a suspected or confirmed case(s) of COVID-19, including contact tracing efforts in combination with isolation for the ill person(s) and quarantine
- Planning for an outbreak
- Establishment of correspondence and contact information for local and state health departments in the event of an outbreak
- Provision of maps/directions to the nearest hospital or emergency treatment facility
- Designation of a staff person (for example, camp nurse or other healthcare provider) to be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns. All camp staff and families should know who this person is and have that person's contact information
- Ensure communication with parents and caregivers about camp policies and practices

If camp administrators are requesting that campers and staff submit documentation of COVID-19 vaccination status, this documentation should be secured consistent with applicable laws and appropriate safeguards to protect the privacy and confidentiality of personally identifiable information, health information, employee records and, as applicable, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)-sensitive information from being unlawfully used or disclosed.

# **Health Equity Considerations in Prevention Strategies**

Considerations of social and racial injustice and inequity are at the forefront of public health, especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Camp administrators can promote health equity by ensuring campers and staff have resources to support physical and mental health. Federal and state disability laws may require an individualized approach for working with children and youth with disabilities consistent with the camper's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 plan. Camp administrators should consider adaptations and alternatives to prevention strategies when serving people with disabilities, while maintaining efforts to protect all campers and staff from COVID-19.

# Section 2: Promote Vaccination

People who are fully vaccinated are at low risk of symptomatic or severe infection. A growing body of evidence suggests that people who are fully vaccinated are less likely to have asymptomatic infection or transmit COVID-19 to others. People who are fully vaccinated are safe to resume activities in most settings like they did prior to the pandemic, except where prevention measures are required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.

### **COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens**

CDC recommends that everyone 12 years and older get fully vaccinated against COVID-19. See COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens for more information.

Camps can help increase vaccine uptake among campers, their families, and staff by providing information about COVID-19 vaccination, promoting vaccination, and establishing supportive policies and practices that make it as easy and convenient as possible for staff and others to get vaccinated.

To promote vaccination, camps can

- Visit vaccines.gov to find out where staff, campers, and their families can get vaccinated in their community.
- Develop educational messaging for vaccination campaigns to build vaccine confidence, and to emphasize that individuals are fully vaccinated two weeks after completing the vaccine series.
- Use CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Toolkits to educate camp families and communities and promote COVID-19 vaccination.
- Offer flexible, supportive leave options (e.g., paid sick leave) for staff to get vaccinated and to those who may experience side effects after vaccination. See CDC's post-vaccination Considerations for Workplaces.
- Remind camp families that in addition to COVID-19 vaccination, children and adolescents should continue to obtain all recommended routine and catch-up vaccinations in order to protect themselves, peers, and staff from other vaccinepreventable diseases.

Individuals who are fully vaccinated should see CDC's Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People for more information on settings and situations that may differ for them.

### **Variants**

Variants of the virus that causes COVID-19 are spreading in the United States. Current data suggest that COVID-19 vaccines authorized for use in the United States offer protection against known variants. CDC has systems in place to monitor how common these variants are and to look for the emergence of new variants. CDC will continue to monitor variants to see if they have any impact on how COVID-19 vaccines work in real-world conditions. For more information see: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/effectiveness/work.html

# Section 3: Guidance for Day or Overnight Camps Where Everyone is Fully Vaccinated

This section is intended for camp administrators who are considering or planning to offer camp opportunities where everyone is fully vaccinated.

Some campers or staff might not be able to get the COVID-19 vaccine due to medical or other conditions and should be considered by Camps for exemptions to COVID-19 vaccine requirements. Camps will need to determine prevention strategies, accommodations, and policies for any campers or staff who do not meet their requirements.

# Masks

Staff and campers who are fully vaccinated do not need to wear masks at camp, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance. Although fully vaccinated persons do not need to wear masks, camps can be supportive of staff or campers who choose to continue to wear a mask.

# Physical Distancing

Physical distancing is not necessary for campers and staff who are fully vaccinated except as indicated in CDC's Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People.

# Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette

Camps should continue to facilitate health-promoting behaviors such as hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette to reduce the spread of infectious disease in general.

# Cleaning, Improving Ventilation, and Maintaining Healthy Facilities

Camps should continue to follow cleaning, disinfecting, and ventilation recommendations, including routine cleaning of high-touch surfaces and shared objects. They should also maintain improved ventilation including opening windows, using air filters, and turning on fans.

# Testing

People who are fully vaccinated do not need to undergo routine COVID-19 screening testing. If a fully vaccinated person is exposed to someone with COVID-19, they do not need to be tested for COVID-19 unless they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. Any person participating in camp activities who experiences COVID-19 symptoms should get a COVID-19 test. Refer to CDC's Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People for more information.

# Contact Tracing in Combination with Isolation and Quarantine

If a camp experiences an outbreak of COVID-19 among people who are fully vaccinated, camp administrators should:

- Promptly contact their state or local public health department and work with them to:
  - Isolate people with COVID-19-like symptoms.
  - Ensure that people with COVID-19 symptoms get tested.
  - Quarantine any unvaccinated close contacts of people with symptoms.
- Notify appropriate family members of all campers.
- People who are fully vaccinated with no COVID-19-like symptoms do not need to quarantine or be restricted from camp following an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.
- Support COVID-19 case investigation and contact tracing in collaboration with public health officials, and determine
  whether they need to intensify or implement certain prevention measures.

# Section 4: Guidance for Camps Where not Everyone is Fully Vaccinated

# Section 4.A. Guidance for Both Day and Overnight Camps

Taking Actions to Lower the Risk of COVID-19 Spread

Camp programs with any campers or staff who are not fully vaccinated should layer multiple prevention strategies to help protect the people who are not vaccinated, which includes all children under the age of 12 years, and slow the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19.

Key prevention strategies include:

- Promoting vaccination against COVID-19 for eligible staff, campers, and their family members
- Correctly and consistently using well-fitted masks that cover the nose and mouth
- Physical distancing, including cohorting (grouping children together to reduce potential exposures)
- Handwashing and covering coughs and sneezes
- Avoiding crowded and/or poorly ventilated indoor activities (for example, engaging in outdoor activities whenever
  possible and increasing ventilation for indoor activities)
- Routine cleaning to help maintain healthy facilities
- Staying home if sick or having any symptoms of COVID-19
- Getting tested for COVID-19 if having symptoms of COVID-19 or are unvaccinated and have been a close contact of someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19.
- Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the state, local, territorial, and tribal health departments
- Screening testing
- People who are fully vaccinated should follow CDC's Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People

### Masks

When people who are not fully vaccinated wear a mask correctly, they protect others as well as themselves. Consistent and correct mask use by people who are not fully vaccinated is especially important indoors and in crowded settings, when physical distancing cannot be maintained. Given evidence of limited transmission of COVID-19 outdoors, <sup>12, 13, 14, 15 16 17</sup> CDC has updated our guidance for outdoor mask use among people who are not fully vaccinated.

Camp programs should encourage people who are not fully vaccinated and those who might need extra precautions to wear a mask consistently and correctly:

- **Indoors.** Mask use indoors is strongly encouraged for people who are not fully vaccinated including children. No child under the age of 2 should wear a mask.
- **Outdoors.** In general, people do not need to wear masks when outdoors. However, particularly in areas of substantial to high transmission, people who are not fully vaccinated are encouraged to wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings or during activities that involve sustained close contact with other people who are not fully vaccinated.

Although people who are fully vaccinated do not need to wear masks, camp programs should be supportive of campers or staff who choose to wear a mask. Camps may also choose to continue to require masks for vaccinated and not fully vaccinated campers and staff in order to adhere to prevention strategies when it is difficult to tell who has been vaccinated or to set an example for not fully vaccinated campers. Camps should be supportive of campers or staff who choose to wear a mask. Particularly in areas of substantial to high transmission, camps may consider requiring mask use indoors by all people present including vaccinated campers, staff, and other people such as visitors.

Camps with universal mask policies, regardless of vaccination status, should make exceptions for the following categories of people:

- Children under the age of 2 years
- A person with a disability who cannot wear a mask, or cannot safely wear a mask, because of a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act [2] (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.).
- A person for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to workplace health, safety, or job duty as determined by the relevant workplace safety guidelines or federal regulations.

Campers and staff can use well-fitting cloth masks with two or more layers of tightly woven, breathable fabric, or disposable masks.

- Teach and reinforce consistent and correct use of masks. Staff and campers should wear masks over the nose and mouth, especially when physical distancing is difficult. Camp administrators should provide information to staff and campers on proper use, removal, and washing of masks.
- Staff and campers should store masks properly and for reusable masks, wash them regularly to keep them clean. Staff and campers should have more than one mask on hand each day so they can easily replace a used mask with a clean one. Camps might consider having a supply of extra masks on hand. Encourage all individuals to remove masks correctly and wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol after touching or removing a mask. Store masks somewhere safe to keep them clean, such as in a pocket or backpack. When reusing a mask after a break, keep the same side facing out.

Masks should not be worn when doing outdoor activities that could get masks wet, like using boats and watercraft or swimming at the beach or pool. Because masks should not be worn in pools, campers should maintain physical distance and camps should limit the number of people in the pool at one time. A wet mask can make it difficult to breathe and might not work as intended. Additionally, masks should not be worn when sleeping.

CDC's guidance on wearing masks includes adaptations and alternatives for various activities where wearing a mask might be more difficult for staff or campers. Learn more: Science Brief: Community Use of Cloth Masks to Control the Spread of SARS-CoV-2

• Heat-related illness is a long-standing health concern. Many camps have heat policies in place to help ensure that staff and campers do not experience heat-related illness and, if they do, camp staff know how to properly respond.

 Additional guidance on wearing masks at overnight camps is provided in the Additional Guidance for Overnight Camps section of this web page.

Camps should be aware of state, local, tribal, and territorial requirements related to the use of masks.

### Cohorting and Physical Distancing for Day Camps

Cohorting: Cohorts (or "pods") are small groups of campers and staff who stay together throughout the day to minimize exposure to other people while at camp. Cohorts should have the same staff stay with the same group of campers and remain together as much as possible for the duration of camp. The use of cohorts can limit spread of the virus that causes COVID-19 between small groups but should not replace other prevention measures within each group, including wearing masks. Campers and staff in the same cohort who are not fully vaccinated should continue to wear masks at all times, except in the situations as noted in the mask section of this guidance. Camps that serve children across a wide range of ages or grade levels should consider creating cohorts. When creating cohorts, consider services for campers with disabilities, English language learners, and other campers who may receive services, and to ensure equity, integration, and other requirements of applicable federal, state, local, tribal and territorial laws, including federal disability laws.

Camps should offer options for accommodations, modifications, and assistance for people at increased risk for severe COVID-19 in order to limit their exposure risk and to facilitate participation in activities.

Reminder: FDA authorized Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use in adolescents on May 10, 2021, and two doses are recommended three weeks apart. Therefore, the earliest any adolescent aged 12-15 years could be fully vaccinated is June 14, 2021.

- Maintaining Physical Distance: People who are fully vaccinated do not need to physically distance except where required
  by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.
  Camps may choose to implement physical distancing for all campers and staff including vaccinated and not fully
  vaccinated campers and staff. Physical distancing regardless of vaccination status can improve adherence to distancing
  and protect privacy. Physical distancing provides protection for staff and campers who are not fully vaccinated by
  reducing risk of exposure and limiting the number of close contacts.
- Establish camp policies and implement strategies to promote physical distancing among staff and campers who are not fully vaccinated, indoors and outdoors, including maintaining
  - At least 3 feet between all campers within a cohort
  - At least 6 feet between all campers outside of their cohort
  - At least 6 feet while eating and drinking without a mask indoors, including among people within the same cohort
  - At least 6 feet between campers and staff
  - At least 6 feet between staff
- Use physical or visual guides where possible to reinforce physical distancing of at least 6 feet in areas where not fully vaccinated persons may be interacting with one another (for example reception and dining areas).
- If specialized staff (for example, speech language pathologists) are providing services to campers within multiple cohorts
  or multiple camp programs, especially when physical distance cannot be maintained, the staff should take prevention
  measures to limit spread of the virus that causes COVID-19, including getting fully vaccinated before camp begins,
  wearing masks, and other necessary personal protective equipment. Specialized staff should keep detailed contact
  tracing logs.
- Create physical distance between campers on buses or transportation (e.g., seat children one child per row, skip rows) when possible. Campers who live in the same household may be seated together.
- If nap times with mats are scheduled for campers who are not fully vaccinated, assign campers' naptime mats to individual children, sanitize before and after use, and space the mats out as much as possible. Place campers head-to-toe to ensure distance between their faces.
  - Masks should not be worn when sleeping.
- More information on physical distancing for cohorts in overnight camps is provided in the Additional Guidance for Overnight Camps section of this web page.

# Section 4.B. Additional Guidance for Overnight Camps

in addition to the actions listed above, overnight camps can also consider the following:

### Before camp

- CDC recommends everyone 12 years and older should get a COVID-19 vaccine to help protect against COVID-19. People are considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after last dose. Thus, individuals eligible for vaccine should get vaccinated and receive their last dose at least 2 weeks before camp start date.
- Request that campers, their families, and camp staff follow guidance for travelers before camp arrival to reduce exposure to COVID-19.
- Campers and staff should be familiar with and follow all state and local recommendations or requirements for their destination and the jurisdictions they pass through during travel.

# **During camp**

- Upon arrival at camp, campers should be assigned to cohorts that will remain together for the entire camp session without mixing with other campers and staff in close contact circumstances, to the largest extent possible.
- For this guidance a "household cohort" means campers and staff who are staying together in a cabin, bunkhouse, or similar defined space. Household cohort members do not need to wear masks or physically distance when they are together without non-household cohort members nearby. However, campers and staff should always wear masks when together unless staff are fully vaccinated or part of the household cohort and sleep in the same space as campers. When different household cohorts are using shared indoor or outdoor spaces together during the day or night, continue to monitor and enforce mask use, physical distancing, and healthy hygiene behaviors for everyone, unless fully vaccinated campers and staff do not need to mask or distance per camp policy. If physical distancing can be maintained while outdoors, masks can be removed.
- For individuals who are not fully vaccinated, routine screening testing can help to identify cases of COVID-19 in asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic people, and prevent secondary transmission. People who are fully vaccinated with no COVID-19-like symptoms and no known exposure should be exempted from routine screening testing programs, if feasible.
- Staff should ventilate and clean bathrooms regularly (e.g., in the morning and evening, after times of heavy use) and if needed disinfect using an EPA-registered disinfectant 🖸 .
- Improve ventilation in buildings, including cabins and dining halls, to increase air exchange and air filtration. If possible and safe, open windows, use child-safe fans to increase effectiveness of open windows, use portable air cleaners, and improve building-wide filtration.
- For campers who are not fully vaccinated and camps with a universal masking requirement, make sure that campers have more than one mask on hand so that they can easily replace a used mask with a clean one. Administrators should consider providing masks for all campers and staff or have facilities available for washing cloth masks.
- Work with camp administrators, nurses, and other healthcare providers to identify an isolation room or area to separate
  anyone who exhibits COVID-like symptoms from others (See Preparing for When Someone Gets Sick in Section 5). If the
  camp has a nurse or other healthcare provider, they should be provided and wear appropriate personal protective
  equipment, including N95 respirators, and use Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions when caring for sick
  people. See: What Healthcare Personnel Should Know About Caring for Patients with Confirmed or Possible COVID-19
  Infection.
- When camp staff who are not fully vaccinated are away from camp (for example, during days off), they should choose safer activities and follow all prevention measures (e.g., masking, distance).
  - Consider having any not fully vaccinated staff do a screening test when returning after time spent away from camp.
- Develop a plan, in collaboration with appropriate state or local health officials, in the event of an outbreak. This plan should be communicated with staff, families, and campers.

# Case Identification and Contact Tracing

- Camps should share plans and protocols for case identification, including testing, and contact tracing with parents and
  caregivers in advance. Such plans should take into consideration maintaining, to the greatest extent possible, the privacy
  and confidentiality of any staff or campers who may present with symptoms or test positive.
- Isolate staff or campers with symptoms immediately and refer them for testing, according to camp protocol. They should remain isolated (at camp or at home) until the test result is returned. Medical care should be provided as needed.
- Camps should provide spaces for symptomatic and infected campers and staff to isolate on-site. Camps should also have procedures in place to help sick campers and staff return home safely

move procedures in place to help sick compens and stail retail nome salely

- Camp operators should notify all parents/guardians and the health department immediately following a positive test
  result for COVID-19, and work with local public health officials to identify close contacts as well as quarantine, testing,
  and isolation recommendations or requirements.
- Regardless of vaccination status, campers and staff should monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following an
  exposure. If they experience any symptoms, they should then isolate from others for another 10 days and/or be clinically
  evaluated for COVID-19, including testing if indicated.
- If a person becomes sick and needs to be transported to a healthcare facility, establish procedures for safely transporting the sick person. If a camp is calling an ambulance or bringing someone to a healthcare facility, try to call first to alert the facility that the person may have COVID-19. Take steps to ensure any external community organizations that share the camp facilities follow these considerations.

# After camp

• Request that campers, their families, and camp staff follow the guidance Domestic Travel During COVID-19 following travel from camp.

# Section 5: General Considerations for all Camps

# Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette

Camps should facilitate health-promoting behaviors such as hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette to reduce the spread of disease.

Encourage frequent handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or, if soap and water are not available, use of hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Consider adult supervision for young children when using hand sanitizer. Encourage staff and campers to cough and sneeze into their mask or a tissue and wash their hands immediately with soap and water. When a mask or tissue is not available, people should cough or sneeze into their elbow, not their hands.

# Symptom Screening and Screening Testing

For children in day camps, consider strongly encouraging a parent or caregiver to monitor their children daily at home for signs of infectious illnesses, including COVID-19. Encourage parents or caregivers to keep campers with signs or symptoms of infectious illness home when sick and/or seek medical care. Staff should self-monitor and should not report to work if they are ill. CDC's COVID-19 self-checker may be used to help decide when to seek testing or medical care for COVID-19.

For children in overnight camps, daily health checks should be completed. If feasible, the checks should be done by the same staff member who knows the child and their health status. If a camper has signs or symptoms of infectious illness, including COVID-19, the camper should isolate in a designated area and should be evaluated by camp health staff. Camps should follow appropriate contact tracing and isolation and quarantine guidance below.

Weekly screening testing of staff who are not fully vaccinated and who may oversee multiple cohorts of campers over the summer will help identify those who might be asymptomatically infected to prevent further transmission. More information on screening testing in overnight camps is provided in the Additional Guidance for Overnight Camps section of this web page.

### Staying Home when Appropriate

Educate staff, campers, and their families about when they should stay home and when they can return to camp. The recommendations below are for staff and campers attending day camps. Additional information on isolation and quarantine while at overnight camp is in the Additional Guidance for Overnight Camps section.

- CDC's criteria can help inform when staff and campers can return to camp:
  - If they have been sick with COVID-19
  - If they have recently had a close contact with a person with COVID-19
  - Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People

# Maintaining Healthy Environments

THE TENTE THE PROPERTY WITH THE PROPERTY OF TH

Camp administrators should implement several strategies in physical spaces to help maintain a healthy camp environment.

### Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility

Always follow standard practices and appropriate regulations specific to your facility for minimum standards for cleaning and disinfection. For more information on cleaning and disinfecting, see Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility.

 Cleaning products should not be used near children and staff should ensure that there is adequate ventilation when using these products.

## **Limit Shared Objects**

For young children and others who might not consistently or properly wear masks, wash hands, cover coughs and sneezes, and share objects

- Discourage sharing of items that are difficult to clean.
- Keep each camper's belongings separated from others' and in individual, labeled containers, cubbies, or areas.
- Ensure adequate supplies to minimize sharing of high-touch materials to the extent possible (for example, assign art supplies or other equipment to a single camper), or limit use of supplies and equipment to one group of campers at a time and clean between uses.
- Limit sharing of electronic devices, toys, books, and other games or learning aids.

### Ventilation

Camp activities should occur outside, as much as possible. If activities are held indoors, bring as much fresh air into camp buildings as possible to help keep virus particles from concentrating inside. See CDC's Guidance for Ventilation in Schools and Childcare Programs and Ventilation in Buildings.

# Water Systems

The temporary shutdown or reduced operation of facilities and reductions in normal water use can create hazards for returning students, faculty, and staff. Check for hazards such as mold, *Legionella* (the bacteria that causes Legionnaire's Disease), and lead and copper contamination from plumbing that has corroded.

- For more information, refer to the ASHRAE Guidance for Building Operations During the COVID-19 Pandemic [78 KB, 3 pages] , CDC Guidance for Reopening Buildings After Prolonged Shutdown or Reduced Operation and the Environmental Protection Agency's Information on Maintaining or Restoring Water Quality in Buildings with Low or No Use .
- If applicable, follow CDC's considerations for Pools, Hot Tubs, and Water Playgrounds During COVID-19.

## **Food Service**

Campers might bring their own meals and snacks to camp. However, many camps provide children with meals and snacks. Some camps may provide meals and snacks through the United States Department of Agriculture's Summer Food Service Program , a critical program for reducing food insecurity.

- As feasible, have children and staff who are not fully vaccinated eat meals and snacks outdoors or in well-ventilated spaces while maintaining physical distance as much as possible. Campers should store masks in a space designated for each child that is separate from others when not being worn (for example, in individual, labeled containers, bags, or cubbies) and put their mask back on when not eating or drinking. Campers and staff who are not fully vaccinated in different cohorts should remain at least 6 feet apart when eating or drinking.
- For additional recommendations on safely providing campers with meals and snacks, please see CDC's Guidance for Operating Child Care Programs during COVID-19, Safely Distributing School Meals During COVID-19, What School Nutrition Professionals and Volunteers at Schools Need to Know about COVID-19, and Modifying School Spaces During Mealtimes to Reduce Spread of COVID-19

  [1.38 MB, 8 pages].

# **Maintaining Healthy Operations**

Camp administrators should implement several strategies to help maintain healthy operations.

### Protections for Staff and Campers Who Are at Increased Risk for Severe Illness from COVID-19

- Strongly encourage camp staff, including staff who are age 12 years and older, to get fully vaccinated as soon as the opportunity is available to reduce the risk of getting seriously ill from COVID-19, and help reduce risk of spreading COVID-19 to other staff and campers. People at increased risk of severe illness might need to take extra precautions.
- Offer modified job responsibilities for your staff at higher risk for severe illness (including older adults and people of all ages with certain underlying medical conditions) that limit their exposure risk.
- Offer accommodations modifications and assistance options to campers at higher risk for severe illness that limit exposure risk (e.g., virtual learning opportunities).
- Establish policies that protect the privacy of people at higher risk for severe illness because of underlying medical conditions.

### Regulatory Awareness

• Be aware of local or state regulatory agency policies related to group gatherings to determine if events can be held.

# **Sports and Athletic Activities**

People who are fully vaccinated no longer need to wear a mask or physically distance in any setting including while participating in sports, except where required by laws, rules, or regulations. Due to increased exhalation that occurs during physical activity, some sports can put players, coaches, and staff who are not fully vaccinated at increased risk for getting and spreading COVID-19. Close contact and indoor sports are particularly risky.

When possible, sports and athletic activities should be done outdoors. Campers who are not fully vaccinated should avoid playing close-contact or indoor sports. If campers will be engaging in close-contact or indoor sports, reduce risk by encouraging vaccination as soon as eligible and by wearing a mask, playing outside, and staying at least 6 feet away from others. Camps may consider using screening testing for not fully vaccinated young athletes and adults (e.g., coaches, trainers) who support these activities to facilitate safe participation and reduce risk of transmission and adopt additional prevention strategies for youth sports.

# **Camp Activities**

- Campers and staff who are not fully vaccinated, should avoid group events, gatherings, or meetings where physical distancing between people cannot be maintained. Limit group size to the extent possible.
- Unless they are fully vaccinated, limit any nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations as much as possible, including for sporting events.
- If taking trips outside the camp, it is safer for campers and staff who are not fully vaccinated to visit outdoor locations, away from other people. Some examples include hiking trips and visits to beaches or lakes. If taking trips to indoor locations, campers and staff who are not fully vaccinated should stay within their cohort, wear a mask, and maintain physical distance of at least 6 feet from anyone outside of the cohort.
- Activities that have the potential to produce respiratory droplets including singing, chanting, shouting, or playing a wind
  instrument should be done outdoors if possible. Campers and staff, who are not fully vaccinated, should wear masks
  and maintain at least 6 feet physical distance during these activities.

# **Communication Strategies**

# Signs and Messages

- Post signs in highly visible locations (for example, camp entrances, dining areas, restrooms) that promote everyday protective measures [289 KB, 2 pages] and describe how to stop the spread [467 KB, 1 page] of germs such as by properly washing hands and properly wearing a mask .
- Provide regular announcements to campers and staff that reinforce ways to reduce spread of COVID-19.

- Include messages (for example, videos) about behaviors that prevent spread of COVID-19 when communicating with staff and families (such as on camp websites, in emails, and through camp social media accounts).
- Tailor information so that it is easily understood by various audiences and is available in multiple languages and accessible formats (for example, braille or larger print). Find free CDC print and digital communication resources here.
- Find free CDC print and digital resources on CDC's communications resources main page.

### **Physical Guides**

• Provide physical guides, such as tape on floors or sidewalks and signs on walls, to ensure that staff and campers who are not fully vaccinated remain distanced in lines and at other times.

# **Communication Systems**

- Put communication systems in place for
  - Having staff, campers, and families self-report to the camp administrators and COVID-19 point of contact if they have symptoms of COVID-19, a positive test for COVID-19, or were exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days in accordance with health information sharing regulations for COVID-19 (See "Notify Health Officials and Close Contacts" in the Preparing for When Someone Gets Sick section below) ☐ and other applicable privacy and confidentiality laws and regulations. People who are fully vaccinated can refrain from quarantine and testing following a known exposure if asymptomatic.
  - Notifying staff and families of camp closures and restrictions in place to limit COVID-19 exposure (for example, limited hours of operation).
  - Notifying parents if campers or minor staff members become ill or require quarantine.
  - Communicating with school districts if the camp is providing services to children with disabilities pursuant to an Individualized Education Program (IEP).
  - Identifying if the child with an IEP or a staff member who provides services pursuant to an IEP will be out for an extended period of time and determine if the school district needs to provide alternative services for the child.

# Leave (Time Off) Policies

• Implement flexible, supportive sick leave policies and practices that enable employees and volunteers to stay home if they are sick, have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or are caring for someone who is sick. Develop and communicate with staff and families policies for return-to-camp after COVID-19 illness. CDC's criteria to discontinue home isolation and quarantine can inform these policies. See CDC's guidance for businesses and workplaces for more information.

# Staffing Plans

- Ensure adequate staffing to support implementation of prevention strategies.
- Monitor absenteeism of campers and staff, cross-train staff, and create a roster of trained back-up staff.

## **Staff Training**

- Train staff on all safety protocols and COVID-19 prevention strategies, including cleaning and disinfection.
- Conduct training virtually or ensure that physical distancing is maintained during training.

# **Sharing Facilities**

• Encourage any organizations that share or use the camp facilities to also follow this guidance and limit shared use, if feasible.

# Preparing for When Someone Gets Sick

Camp administrators should implement several strategies to prepare for when someone gets sick.

## Follow Recommendations for Isolation, Quarantine, and Testing for Campers and Staff who have been Fully Vaccinated

# Isolating and Transporting Children and Staff Who Have Symptoms While at Camp

- Campers or staff might have COVID-19 symptoms while at camp. Administrators should take action to isolate people who begin to have these symptoms from other children and staff. Plan to have an isolation room or an area, preferably with access to a separate restroom, that can be used to isolate a sick camper or staff member. Ensure that isolated children are still under adult supervision. Arrange safe transportation home or to a healthcare facility (if severe symptoms) for the camper or staff member.
- Close off areas used by a sick person and do not use these areas until after cleaning and disinfecting them; this includes surfaces or shared objects in the area, if applicable.
- Within the first 24 hours after the sick person has been in the space, wait as long as possible (at least several hours)
  before cleaning and disinfecting. Before cleaning and disinfecting, improve ventilation by opening doors and windows,
  using fans, and/or using heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) settings to increase air circulation.
- Ensure safe and proper use of cleaners and disinfectants, including wearing adequate personal protective equipment and storing products securely away from children.
- More information on isolating and transporting children and staff while at overnight camp is in the Additional Guidance for Overnight Camps section.

### Advise People of Home Isolation Recommendations

- Staff members or campers with COVID-19 should not return to camp until they have met CDC's recommendations to discontinue home isolation. Once they have met all the CDC criteria for ending isolation, then no additional testing is needed to return to the facility.
- In most instances, people who have had COVID-19 can be around others after
  - 10 days since symptoms first appeared or a positive test, and
  - 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications, and
  - Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving.
- More information on isolation and quarantine while at overnight camp is in the Additional Guidance for Overnight Camps section.

# Notify Health Officials and Advise Close Contacts of Quarantine Recommendations

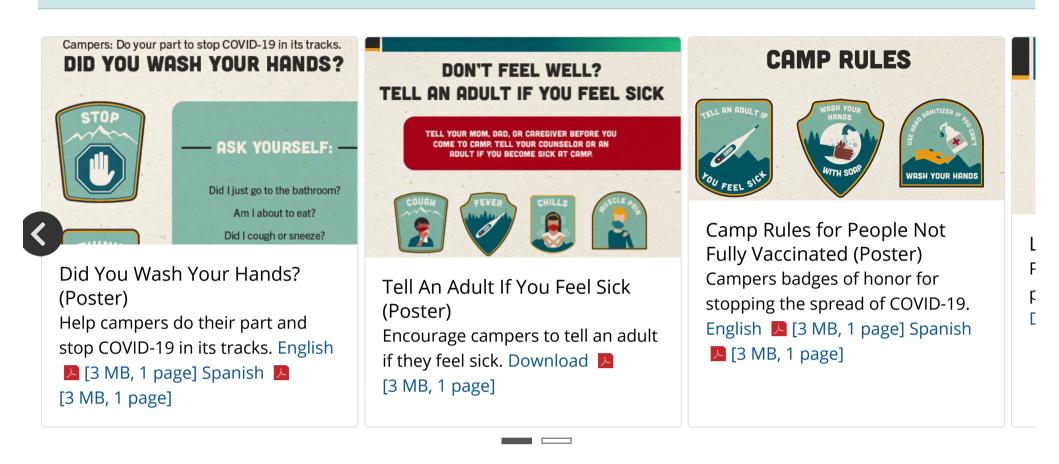
- In accordance with state and local laws and regulations, camp administrators should notify local health officials, staff, and families of campers immediately of any case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with applicable law.
- Work closely with local health officials to conduct contact tracing to identify people who might have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Advise those who have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 to quarantine, self-monitor for symptoms, and follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop. People who are fully vaccinated who are asymptomatic can refrain from quarantine and testing following a known exposure.

# Support Coping and Resilience

- Communicate openly with camp staff about changes in camp activities and procedures. Ask staff for input in decisions about new processes and procedures to increase staff's sense of control and to reduce their anxiety.
- Train all staff on recognizing signs of emotional distress and trauma and coping with stress.
- Encourage staff to take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news or stories about COVID-19, including social media, if they are feeling overwhelmed or distressed.
- Encourage staff and campers to eat healthfully, exercise, get adequate sleep, and find time to unwind.
- Discuss and share stress reduction strategies such as mindfulness practices, social support, and deep breathing.
- Encourage staff and campers to talk with people they trust about their concerns and how they are feeling.
- Consider posting signs that encourage campers to reach out to staff or people they trust if they are feeling distressed. Ensure staff have information for SAMHSA's Disaster Distress Helpline: call or text 1-800-985-5990.

• Encourage staff to call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255), 1-888-628-9454 for Spanish, or if they are feeling overwhelmed with emotions, such as sadness, depression, anxiety; or call 911 if they feel like they want to harm themselves or others.

# **Communication Resources**



# **Additional Resources**

**COVID-19 Basics** 

**COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions** 

Latest COVID-19 Information

Managing Stress and Coping

People at Increased Risk

Children and COVID-19

Talking with children about Coronavirus Disease 2019

What to do if a Student Becomes Sick at School or Reports a New COVID-19 Diagnosis Flowchart

For Camp Administrators and Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers

Guidance for Schools and Child Care Centers

Guidance for Direct Service Providers, Parents, Caregivers, and Guardians, and People with Developmental and Behavioral Disorders

Considerations for Outdoor Learning Gardens and Community Gardens

Guidance for What School Nutrition Professionals and Volunteers at Schools Need to Know about COVID-19

# References

- 1. CDC's COVID-19 Data Tracker: https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#demographics and COVID-NET US COVID-19 Hospitalization Data.
- 2. Leeb RT, Price S, Sliwa S, et al. COVID-19 Trends Among School-Aged Children United States, March 1–September 19, 2020. MMWR (Morb Mortal Wkly Rep) 2020;69:1410–1415. DOI: http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.mm6939e2.
- 3. Laws RL, Chancey RJ, Rabold EM, et al. Symptoms and Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 Among Children Utah and Wisconsin, March–May 2020. Pediatrics 2020. DOI:10.1542/peds.2020-027268.
- 4. L'Huillier AG, Torriani G, Pigny F, et al. Culture-Competent SARS-CoV-2 in Nasopharynx of Symptomatic Neonates, Children, and Adolescents. Emerging Infectious Diseases 2020;26(10):2494-2497. DOI:10.3201/eid2610.202403.
- 5. Kim L, Whitaker M, O'Halloran A, et al. Hospitalization Rates and Characteristics of Children Aged <18 Years Hospitalized with Laboratory Confirmed COVID 10. COVID NET 14 States March 1 July 25, 2020, MANAGE Mortal Wildy Book

- with Laboratory-Committee Covid-13 Covid-NET, 14 States, Iviarch 1-July 23, 2020. *Ivilvivi* ν (Iviord Ivioral VVKIy περ) 2020; 69:1081-1088. DOI: http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.mm6932e3
- 6. Science Brief: Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in K-12 schools. Available at: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/more/science-and-research/transmission\_k\_12\_schools.html.
- 7. Assaker, Rita, Anne-Emmanuelle Colas, Florence Julien-Marsollier, Béatrice Bruneau, Lucile Marsac, Bruno Greff, Nathalie Tri, Charlotte Fait, Christopher Brasher, and Souhayl Dahmani. Presenting Symptoms of COVID-19 in Children: A Meta-Analysis of Published Studies. British Journal of Anaesthesia 2020
- 8. D'Agostino EM, Armstrong SC, Humphreys L, Coffman S, Sinclair G, Permar SR, Akinboyo IC. Symptomatic SARS-CoV-2 Transmission in Youth and Staff Attending Day Camps. Pediatrics. 2021 Feb 3:e2020042416. DOI: 10.1542/peds.2020-042416. Online ahead of print. PMID: 33536332 Review.
- 9. Blaisdell LL, Cohn W, Pavell JR, Rubin DS, Vergales JE. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep. 2020 Sep 4;69(35):1216-1220. DOI: 10.15585/mmwr.mm6935e1. PMID: 32881850
- 10. Szablewski CM, Chang KT, Brown MM, et al. SARS-CoV-2 Transmission and Infection Among Attendees of an Overnight Camp Georgia, June 2020. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep. 2020 Aug 7;69(31):1023-1025. DOI: 10.15585/mmwr.mm6931e1. PMID: 32759921
- 11. Szablewski CM et al, SARS-CoV-2 Transmission Dynamics in a Sleep-Away Camp. Pediatrics April 2021, 147 (4) e2020046524; DOI: https://doi.org/10.1542/peds.2020-046524
- 12. Fouda B, Tram HPB, Makram OM, Abdalla AS, Singh T, Hung IC, Raut A, Hemmeda L, Alahmar M, ElHawary AS, Awad DM, Huy NT. Identifying SARS-CoV2 transmission cluster category: An analysis of country government database. J Infect Public Health. 2021 Apr;14(4):461-467. DOI: 10.1016/j.jiph.2021.01.006. Epub 2021 Jan 18. PMID: 33743366; PMCID: PMC7813483.
- 13. Belosi F, Conte M, Gianelle V, Santachiara G, Contini D. On the concentration of SARS-CoV-2 in outdoor air and the interaction with pre-existing atmospheric particles. Environ Res. 2021 Feb;193:110603. DOI: 10.1016/j.envres.2020.110603. Epub 2020 Dec 8. PMID: 33307081; PMCID: PMC7833947.
- 14. Bulfone TC, Malekinejad M, Rutherford GW, Razani N. Outdoor Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and Other Respiratory Viruses: A Systematic Review. J Infect Dis. 2021 Feb 24;223(4):550-561. DOI: 10.1093/infdis/jiaa742. PMID: 33249484; PMCID: PMC7798940.
- 15. Chirizzi D, Conte M, Feltracco M, Dinoi A, Gregoris E, Barbaro E, La Bella G, Ciccarese G, La Salandra G, Gambaro A, Contini D. SARS-CoV-2 concentrations and virus-laden aerosol size distributions in outdoor air in north and south of Italy. Environ Int. 2021 Jan;146:106255. DOI: 10.1016/j.envint.2020.106255. Epub 2020 Nov 12. PMID: 33221596; PMCID: PMC7659514.
- 16. Qian H, Miao T, Liu L, Zheng X, Luo D, Li Y. Indoor transmission of SARS-CoV-2. Indoor Air. 2021 May;31(3):639-645. DOI: 10.1111/ina.12766. Epub 2020 Nov 20. PMID: 33131151.
- 17. Sundar V, Bhaskar E. Low secondary transmission rates of SARS-CoV-2 infection among contacts of construction laborers at open air environment. Germs. 2021 Mar 15;11(1):128-131. DOI: 10.18683/germs.2021.1250. PMID: 33898351; PMCID: PMC8057850.

# **Previous Updates**

**Updates from Previous Content** 

# As of April 24, 2021

- Updated background for what is known about COVID-19 and transmission among children and in summer camp settings
- Added vaccination information
- Updated guidance on physical distancing
- Updated guidance on camp activities, including sports and athletic activities
- Updated considerations for screening testing and contact tracing
- Updated guidance on cleaning and disinfection
- Removed guidance on physical barriers

- Updated guidance on developing emergency operations plans
- Updated guidance on ventilation and water systems
- Updated guidance for communal spaces, food service, playgrounds and play space
- Updated guidance for overnight camps

Last Updated May 28, 2021



# Radnor Township Recreation & Community Programming Department Health & Safety Operating Procedures Radnor Day Camp – Radnor Activity Center Summer 2021

\*Radnor Middle School, Radnor Elementary School, or an alternative site may also be utilized in 2021 – all of the following policies and procedures will apply to any Radnor Day Camp sites that are added.

As the Recreation & Community Programming Department continues to closely monitor the rapidly changing situation and information provided by the federal, state and local county agencies including the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), the PA Department of Health, and the Governor of Pennsylvania regarding COVID-19, our goal is to deliver Radnor Day Camp in accordance with the guidelines that have been put forth by these agencies. Internally, our Department is working with the Radnor Township Office of Emergency Management as well as Township risk and legal consultation, relative to these guidelines as we are committed to keeping everyone safe at our program this summer. As changes and new information is put forth by these agencies, we are prepared to respond and adapt accordingly to the best of our abilities. As substantial information impacts the following procedures, updates will be communicated. Please know this situation and the corresponding guidelines are constantly evolving. This, along with other factors, may result in the closure of part, or our entire program at any time. Camper health and safety, along with that of our camp families, will remain a top priority for us this summer.

Please see below for more information on what to expect at camp and the guidelines we will be following as of the posting of this document on Wednesday, March 3, 2021. The document below in black font is taken directly from the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) Suggestions for Youth and Summer Camp website that was posted on January 4, 2021 and includes various links that provide more information. You can also visit the CDC website by clicking here to retrieve this information. Annotations in red font represent the Recreation & Community Programming Department's expectations for how this guidance will be followed as it relates to Radnor Day Camp for the summer 2021. Any modifications or new information will be evaluated, incorporated, and communicated as necessary. In addition, we have also referred to the Pennsylvania Department of Health Summer Recreation, Camps and Pools Frequently Asked Questions.

#### **Quick Reference Areas in this Document:**

<b>~</b>	
Camper Mask Wearing	Page 5
Camper/Family Daily Health & Reporting Responsibility	Pages 3, 4, 12, & 13
Camper & Staff COVID-19 Exposure	Page 14
Cleaning and Disinfection Procedures	Pages 5, 7, & 14
Daily Arrival/Departure Procedures	Pages 2 & 3
Staggered Scheduling	Pages 10 & 11
Shared Objects	Page 7
Modified Layouts & Communal Spaces	Pages 8 & 9

# **Suggestions for Youth and Summer Camps**

Updated Jan. 4, 2021

#### **Related Pages**

#### On this Page

- Guiding Principles
- Reduce Spread
- Healthy Environments
- Healthy Operations
- When Someone Gets Sick
- Communication Resources
- Other Resources

As some communities in the United States begin to convene youth camps, CDC offers the following suggestions for ways in which camp administrators can help protect campers, staff, and communities, and prevent the spread of COVID-19. Camp administrators can determine, in collaboration with <u>state and local health officials</u>, whether and how to implement these considerations, making adjustments to meet the unique needs and circumstances of the local community. Implementation should be guided by what is feasible, practical, acceptable, and tailored to the needs of each community. These suggestions are meant to supplement—**not replace**—any state, local, territorial, or tribal health and safety laws, rules, and regulations with which camps must comply.

#### **Guiding Principles to Keep in Mind**

The more people a camper or staff member interacts with, and the longer that interaction, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread. The risk of COVID-19 spread increases in youth camp settings as follows:

- Lowest Risk: Small groups of campers stay together all day, each day. Campers remain at least 6 feet apart and do not share objects. Outdoor activities are prioritized. All campers are from the local geographic area (e.g., city, town, county, community).
- More Risk: Campers mix between groups but remain at least 6 feet apart and do not share objects. Outdoor activities are prioritized. All campers are from the local geographic area (e.g., community, town, city, or county).
- **Even More Risk:** Campers mix between groups and do not remain spaced apart. All campers are from the local geographic area (e.g., community, town, city, or county).
- **Highest Risk:** Campers mix between groups and do not remain spaced apart. All campers are **not** from the local geographic area (e.g., community, town, city, or county).

The Camp site is located within the geographic areas of the Township where campers reside and will consist of the use of Radnor Activity Center in downtown Wayne. An additional location within Radnor Township may be added and used as possible in order to accommodate and/or balance the number of campers taking part in camp. Campers may be asked to move to a different location at any time in the interest of health and safety and achieving this balance. This will be communicated in advance with parents.

Campers and their corresponding staff members will be 'cohorted', that is, placed into small groups, based on their September 2021 grade, that will stay together within that camp group each day and for the entire duration of camp. The size of each group will not exceed more than 25 including all group staff members and special needs support staff members. Groups will maintain a staff member to camper ratio of 1:10 – this number may be slightly lower for younger campers and slightly higher for older campers. The number of groups will be determined through the final registration process for campers and will be regulated based on the current capacity regulations for indoor use as applied to Radnor Activity Center.

Radnor Activity Center will be used for a rotation of limited group activities each day and for all groups when there is inclement weather. Each camp group will be separated from the other camp groups throughout the entire day except for times when all campers are inside the building for inclement weather. While inside, staff will keep the campers separated within the space but within their groups. During all times of usage within the building, constant efforts will be made to social distance of 6' or more. In addition, a one-way in, one-way out entrance-exit system will be used relative to the building to keep groups from overlapping with one another while exiting and entering.

Daily arrival (and dismissal) will be structured and staggered within a pre-communicated, definite time frame and your camp group will be assigned a specific arrival time frame within which it will be very important for you to arrive. Daily group arrival time frames will be staggered to avoid group overlaps. You will be provided with an ingress/egress plan for the camp site that will include a specific drop off location for your camper. Signage will be posted at the camp site. Campers will NOT be accepted outside of the arrival time frames. This is due to the screening process and procedures that are deployed each day at arrival. Parents/Guardians and Campers will remain in their vehicle the entire time as you enter the drop off location. Each camper (and staff member prior to starting work for the day) will receive a temperature and symptom check assessment before they are permitted to leave their vehicle and enter the camp site. A symptom check assessment includes cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, fatigue, headache, muscle aches and pains, nausea, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, vomiting, or the overall not feeling like yourself. Assessment information will be logged each day. Any camper registering a temperature of 100.4 degrees or more will not be permitted to attend camp or return to camp for at least 72 hours and until their temperature checks below 100.4 (please see the following at the CDC website regarding 'When You Can be Around Others'). You should consult with your doctor immediately for further guidance. Upon meeting the temperature check requirements, the camper will be permitted to enter the camp site and will be assigned to a designated daily welcome area. Each group will have its own designated and separate daily welcome area. Parents/Guardians that walk their camper to/from camp must remain in the parking lot at all times. The camper will receive their temperature and symptom check assessment in the parking lot by a camp staff member.

At any time prior to or during the camp operating period, it is the responsibility of the camp family to disclose if there has been a Covid-19 diagnosis or exposure either by any family member living in the household or by the camper. In addition, they are asked to inform us of any recent travel abroad by any family member living in the household or by someone visiting the household.

The Camp Director(s) will serve as the primary contact for camp. Parents/Guardians will be provided with the camp cell phone number prior to the start of camp, along with a list of contact information for the Recreation Department Staff. The Director of Recreation will be responsible for coordinating with the Camp Director and Recreation Department Program Supervisor in responding to all COVID-19 concerns and interfacing directly with the Township Health Officer.

Once at the camp site, efforts to maintain a social distance of 6' will be made at all times by staff for campers. It may not be possible to maintain a definitive 6' social distance at all times but efforts will constantly be made by staff to be creative and vocal in this area. On the first day of camp, these guidelines will be reviewed with examples. The daily welcome area will be outdoors and allocated to allow for extra space and spreading out. The daily welcome area will also serve as the daily departure area at the end of the day where the same procedures will be deployed. Exceptions to this will be during times of inclement weather when campers will be inside at Radnor Activity Center then walked out to the parent pick up area.

From the daily welcome area, campers will proceed through several designated activity areas that will be pre-assigned for the staff members where they will conduct low/no contact games and activities. These areas will consist of both active and passive activities and games. Campers will each be asked to bring a swim towel each day where they can sit – campers will be spread out at a minim of 6' distances during this time on their towels. There will be at least one activity area that will have a painted, designated grid outlined and/or dots on the grass to define distinct camper zones for various activities. Please refer to the Radnor Day Camp Frequently Asked Questions document for more information on what to bring each day along with activities.

Radnor Day Camp will have the exclusive use of Radnor Activity Center and the adjacent outdoor recreational areas. Usage will not be permitted to other groups during the camp time frame. Bathroom access will be located inside Radnor Activity Center. Usage will be restricted to one person at a time permitted inside the bathroom – exceptions will be for medical or other circumstances when assistance by staff is necessary. In these instances, two-deep staff leadership will be deployed.

At the beginning of camp, staff members will conduct group trainings and there will be demonstrations on behaviors and precautions campers should abide by to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including:

- When it is appropriate to stay home.
- What symptoms to look out for and when to report them and to whom.
- How the virus can spread and how to prevent it from spreading.
- What the camp is doing to protect campers from getting sick.
- How and when to effectively wash and sanitize hands along with when to take breaks to do so.
- How to practice social distancing in various settings at camp.
- What the appropriate coughing and sneezing etiquette looks like.
- Appropriate ways to use, remove and wash masks.
- Other camp-specific policies or guidelines.

We will ask that all parent/guardians speak with their camper before attending camp to remind them of the importance of trying to maintain safe social distances from other campers and staff members, along with reviewing the procedures and information contained within this document.

Please refer to the Radnor Day Camp Site Aerial Map for an overview and anticipated layout – this document will be provided prior to the start of camp.

COVID-19 is mostly spread by respiratory droplets released when people talk, cough, or sneeze. It is thought that the virus may spread to hands from a contaminated surface and then to the nose or mouth, causing infection. Therefore, personal prevention practices (such as <a href="https://handwashing.governeembed">handwashing.governeembed</a>, <a href="https://handwashing.governeembed">handwashing.governeembed</a>, <a href="https://handwashing.governeembed</a>, <a href="https://handwashing.g

#### **Promoting Behaviors that Reduce Spread**

Camp administrators may consider implementing several strategies to encourage behaviors that reduce the spread of COVID-19.

#### Staying Home when Appropriate

- Educate staff, campers, and their families about when they should <u>stay home</u> and when they can return to camp.
  - Actively encourage employees and campers who are sick or have recently had a <u>close</u>
     <u>contact</u> with a person with COVID-19 to stay home. Develop policies that encourage sick
     employees to stay at home without fear of reprisal, and ensure employees are aware of these
     policies.
  - <u>Employees and campers should stay home</u> if they have tested positive for or are showing COVID-19 symptoms.
  - Employees who have recently had a <u>close contact</u> with a person with COVID-19 should also <u>stay</u> home and monitor their health.
  - CDC's criteria can help inform when employees should return to work:
    - If they have been sick with COVID-19
    - If they have recently had a close contact with a person with COVID-19

Any camper or staff member registering a temperature of 100.4 degrees or more will not be permitted to attend camp or return to camp for at least 72 hours and until temperature checks below 100.4 (please see the following at the CDC website regarding 'When You Can be Around Others'). You should consult with your doctor immediately for further guidance. Campers and staff who have tested positive for or are showing signs of Covid-19 must not come to camp. In addition, campers or staff who have had close contact with a person with Covid-19 should also stay home and monitor their health – please click on the above link for more information on this.

Campers and staff are asked to stay home if they are not feeling well. We also ask that any parents/guardians who are not feeling well not approach the park site. Not feeling well can be defined by having a fever of 100.4 °F or greater, cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, fatigue, headache, muscle aches and pains, nausea, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, vomiting, or the overall not feeling like yourself.

Click on the links above for more important information related to when to stay at home.

#### Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette

- Teach and reinforce <u>handwashing</u> with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and increase monitoring to ensure adherence among campers and staff.
  - If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol can be used (for staff and older children who can safely use hand sanitizer).
- Encourage staff and campers to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash and hands washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
  - If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol can be used (for staff and older campers who can safely use hand sanitizer).

Radnor Township Recreation's contracted cleaning company is responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of Radnor Activity Center each night to ensure that they are cleaned and sanitized daily, before camp begins, along with having appropriate supplies such as toilette paper, paper towels, hand soap, and disinfectant sprays/towelettes. Staff members will monitor the availability of these items and ensure that items are refilled as needed along with performing any additional cleaning that may be necessary. Extra supplies will be made available. If at any time sufficient facilities or supplies cannot be maintained, the site may be temporarily or permanently closed.

Hand sanitizing units with a touchless sensor will be available at camp. In addition, campers will also be asked to bring their own hand sanitizer each day to ensure availability and usage when away from the camp's hand sanitizer unit.

Campers will wash their hands at the start of each day. Campers will be reminded and monitored to wash with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Staff members will instruct campers on proper handwashing techniques.

Tissues will be available at the camp site. In addition, campers will also be asked to bring their own pack of tissues each day to ensure availability and usage when away from the location of the camp's tissues. All used tissues must be thrown away immediately and campers must wash their hands or use hand sanitizer immediately.

Campers will be encouraged to step away from the group setting when having to sneeze or cough. Sneezing and coughing should be muffled into the elbow. We ask that parents/guardians please reinforce these practices at home in advance of the start of camp.

#### Masks

- Teach and reinforce the use of <u>masks</u>. Masks may be challenging for campers (especially younger campers) to wear in all-day settings such as camp. Masks should be worn by staff and campers (particularly older campers) as feasible, and are **most** essential in times when physical distancing is difficult. Information should be provided to staff and campers on <u>proper use</u>, <u>removal</u>, <u>and washing of masks</u>.
  - Note: masks should **not** be placed on:
  - Babies or children younger than 2 years old
  - Anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious
  - Anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cover without help

<u>Masks</u> offer some protection to the wearer and are also meant to protect those around the wearer, in case they are infected with the virus that causes COVID-19. Masks are not surgical masks, respirators, or other medical personal protective equipment.

Campers and staff will be required to bring their own mask to camp each day for wear. Their mask should be comfortable and secure with fit over the whole mouth and nose. Surgical face masks will be available each day at camp for anyone who loses or breaks a mask. Gaiters, balaclavas, scarfs, and bandanas are not permitted.

Campers and staff will be expected and required to wear a mask at all times during camp with limited exceptions. Campers and staff must wear a mask at all times while indoors. Campers and staff must wear a mask when they are within 6' of others even when outdoors and during activities even when they are outdoors. Limited exceptions include times such as when campers are eating lunch or when short mask breaks are needed while engaging in rigorous physical activity while outside. Participant exceptions for wearing a mask at camp as defined in Section 3 of the Order of the Secretary of PA Department of Health Requiring Universal Face Coverings should be disclosed in the Camper Information Form and discussed with Recreation Department staff prior to the start of camp.

See Updated Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Requiring Universal Face Coverings.

#### Adequate Supplies

 Ensure you have accessible sinks and enough supplies for people to clean their hands and cover their coughs and sneezes. Supplies include soap, a way to dry hands (e.g., paper towels, hand dryer), tissues, hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol (for staff and older campers who can safely use hand sanitizer), disinfectant wipes, masks (as feasible), and no-touch/foot pedal trash cans (preferably covered).

Supplies will be available at camp in order to maintain the camp site, including no-touch, open drop trash cans.

### Signs and Messages

- Post <u>signs</u> in highly visible locations (e.g., camp entrances, dining areas, restrooms) that <u>promote</u> <u>everyday protective measures</u> and describe how to <u>stop the spread</u> of germs such as by <u>properly</u> washing hands and properly wearing a mask.
- o Broadcast regular announcements on reducing the spread of COVID-19 on PA system
- Include messages (for example, <u>videos</u>) about behaviors that prevent spread of COVID-19 when communicating with staff and families (such as on camp websites, in emails, and through camp <u>social</u> media accounts).
- o Find free CDC print and digital resources on <u>CDC's communications resources</u> main page.

Signage will be posted and reviewed with campers at each site in accordance with guidelines. Where possible, all signage details and guidelines, images and/or videos will be shared with parents/guardians before the start of camp.

Routine announcements will be made at camp to provide campers with reminders about the corresponding guidelines and procedures.

#### **Maintaining Healthy Environments**

Camp administrators may consider implementing several strategies to maintain healthy environments.

#### Cleaning and Disinfection

- <u>Clean and disinfect</u> frequently touched surfaces (e.g., playground equipment, door handles, sink handles, drinking fountains) within the camp facility and in any <u>shared transportation</u> vehicles at least daily or between use as much as possible. Use of shared objects (e.g., art supplies, nap mats, toys, games) should be limited when possible, or cleaned between use.
- o Develop a schedule for increased, routine cleaning and disinfection.
- o If transport vehicles (e.g., buses) are used by the camp, drivers should practice all safety actions and protocols as indicated for other staff (e.g., hand hygiene, masks). To clean and disinfect school buses or other transport vehicles, see guidance for bus transit.
- Ensure <u>safe and correct use</u> and storage of <u>cleaners and disinfectants</u>, including storing products securely away from children. Use products that meet EPA disinfection criteria.
- Cleaning products should not be used near children, and staff should ensure that there is adequate ventilation when using these products to prevent children or themselves from inhaling toxic fumes.
- Use gloves when removing garbage bags or handling and disposing of trash. <u>Wash hands</u> after removing gloves.

As noted above, Radnor Activity Center will be maintained and serviced prior to the start of camp each day. This includes all bathrooms, communal spaces and frequently accessed areas and equipment. Staff members will give extra attention to frequently touched areas such as bathroom door handles, sink levers, door latches and other determined areas and they will be cleaned routinely during the camp time frame. The sharing of supplies will be minimalized and limited by one group of campers at a time as possible. Extra attention will be also given to clean and sanitize supplies in between usages. Cleaning supplies will not be sprayed in proximity to campers. At the conclusion of each day, camp supplies will be sprayed with a disinfectant sprayer to disinfect all surfaces and equipment. All cleaning supplies will be stored and access to this area will be restricted for entry by campers at all times.

Drinking fountains will be restricted for camper access during camp and campers are required to bring their own water each day.

If applicable, all camp transportation will be provided by the Radnor Township School District Transportation Department and their school buses. Excursions will be optional to campers based on interest. Radnor Township School District Transportation follows all established requirements and guidelines for seating capacity, cleanliness and sanitation, mask wearing, social distancing, etc.

#### Shared Objects

- o Discourage sharing of items that are difficult to <u>clean, sanitize, or disinfect</u>.
- Keep each camper's belongings separated from others' and in individually labeled containers, cubbies, or areas.
- Ensure adequate supplies to minimize sharing of high-touch materials to the extent possible (e.g., assign
  art supplies or other equipment to a single camper), or limit use of supplies and equipment to one group
  of campers at a time and clean and disinfect between use.
- Avoid sharing electronic devices, toys, books, and other games or learning aids.

Campers are asked to bring a backpack each day in which belongings will be stored. Please refer to the <u>Radnor Day Camp Frequently Asked Questions</u> document for a list of what to bring each day.

We recommend that parents/guardians also apply sunscreen to their camper before coming to camp. For campers that are unable to reapply sunscreen at camp the spray or dot method will be used – spray bottles will be sprayed on the campers and they will be responsible for rubbing it in; liquid bottles will be 'dotted' onto the camper by the staff members and the camper will be responsible for rubbing it in.

Please do not send your camper to camp with electronic devices or any other personal items at this time. If you feel your camper should have the ability to contact you in the event of an emergency, please make sure their phone is always stored in their drawstring bag. Phones will only be permitted for use by campers at camp in the event of an emergency.

Staff members will also be asked to bring their own drawstring bag. In addition, they will be provided with a first aid kit, rubber gloves, spray hand sanitizer, and other essential supplies.

All sports equipment and supplies that may be shared during a game or activity will be disinfected thoroughly each day with a disinfectant sprayer. All items will be dried and prepared for the next day of camp. Bleachers and benches will also be sprayed and disinfected each day, but the usage of these will be minimal.

#### Ventilation

 Ensure ventilation systems operate properly and increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible, for example by opening windows and doors. Do not open windows and doors if doing so poses a safety or health risk (e.g., risk of falling or triggering asthma symptoms) to campers using the facility.

The majority of the camp day will take place outdoors each day for campers. For any campers who have breathing-related medical conditions or allergies, please consult your doctor prior to taking part in camp. Your camper will be exposed to outdoor elements such as fresh cut grass, high pollen, and other allergens while at the park. Please seek proper guidance before sending your camper to camp if they have a heightened sensitivity in this area.

For times when campers will be inside Radnor Activity Center for activities or during times of inclement weather, the air conditioning and ventilation system will be turned on and running to ensure air flow through the facility. Optimal filtration methods have also been implemented at Radnor Activity Center.

#### Water Systems

To minimize the risk of <u>Legionnaires' disease</u> and other diseases associated with water, <u>take steps</u> to ensure that all water systems and features (e.g., sink faucets, drinking fountains, showers, decorative fountains) are safe to use after a prolonged facility shutdown. Drinking fountains should be cleaned and sanitized, but encourage staff and campers to bring their own water to minimize use and touching of water fountains.

Drinking fountains will be restricted at camp for camper use and campers will be required to provide their water each day.

#### Modified Layouts

- Space seating at least 6 feet apart.
- If nap times are scheduled, ensure that campers' naptime mats are assigned to individual children, are <u>sanitized</u> before and after use, and spaced out as much as possible, ideally at least 6 feet apart. Place campers head-to-toe to ensure distance between their faces.
- o Prioritize outdoor activities where social distancing can be maintained as much as possible.
- Create <u>social distance</u> between campers on school buses (e.g., seat children one child per row, skip rows) when possible.

Conducting activities outdoors will be a priority at Radnor Day Camp. Social distancing of 6' or more will be continually promoted by staff. Each day, campers will proceed through several designated activity areas that will be pre-assigned for the staff members where they will conduct low/no contact games and activities. Campers will be asked to bring a swim towel each day where they can sit, and campers will be spread out at a minim of 6' distances. There will be at least one activity area at each camp site that will have a painted, designated grid or dots outlined on the grass to define distinct camper zones for various activities. These camper zones will be divided into 10'x10' play zones. All indoor activities will also require social distancing of 6' or more and designated areas will be allocated in appropriate locations.

#### • Physical Barriers and Guides

- o Install physical barriers, such as sneeze guards and partitions, particularly in areas where it is difficult for individuals to remain at least 6 feet apart (e.g., reception desks).
- Provide physical guides, such as tape on floors or sidewalks and signs on walls, to ensure that staff and campers remain at least 6 feet apart in lines and at other times (e.g., guides for creating "one way routes" in hallways).

Directional markings and other indicators will be used and allocated throughout camp including inside Radnor Activity Center to define activity areas and to ensure that groups do not overlap as they traverse and/or are present throughout the camp site.

#### Communal Spaces

- Close shared spaces such as dining halls and playgrounds with shared playground equipment, if possible;
   otherwise stagger use and <u>clean and disinfect</u> between use.
- o Follow CDC's considerations for Pools, Hot Tubs, and Water Playgrounds During COVID-19.

Radnor Activity Center will be used for a rotation of limited group activities each day and for all groups when there is inclement weather. Each camp group will be separated from the other camp groups throughout the entire day except for times when all campers are inside the building for inclement weather. While inside, staff will keep the campers separated with the space but within their groups. During all times of usage within the building, constant efforts will be made to social distance of 6' or more.

There are no playgrounds at the camp site.

Cafeterias and/or a dining hall will be not be utilized for lunch time.

Usage of bleachers and benches will be minimal, but if these spaces are used, they will also be sprayed and disinfected each day and social distancing of 6' or more will be enforced.

#### Food Service

- Have campers bring their own meals as feasible, and eat in separate areas or with their smaller group, instead of in a communal dining hall or cafeteria. Ensure the safety of children with food allergies.
- Use disposable food service items (utensils, dishes). If disposable items are not feasible or desirable, ensure that all non-disposable food service items are handled with gloves and washed with dish soap and hot water or in a dishwasher. Individuals should <u>wash their hands</u> after removing their gloves or after directly handling used food service items.
- If food is offered at any event, have pre-packaged boxes or bags for each attendee instead of a buffet or family-style meal. Avoid sharing of foods and utensils and ensure the <u>safety of children with food</u> <u>allergies.pdf icon</u>

Campers will be asked to bring their own disposable lunch and snacks to camp each day. Your camper's lunch and snacks must be supplied within their drawstring bag. Please try to ensure this is an item that your camper can manage on their own. Staff members will take extra precautions managing this year in not wanting to handle food for their campers. We understand, however, that extra attention may be needed regarding younger campers or campers with special needs. Campers will be asked to wash their hands before they eat. If your camper participates in weekly special lunch day options at camp, each meal will be pre-packaged along with utensils.

#### **Maintaining Healthy Operations**

Camp administrators may consider implementing several strategies to maintain healthy operations.

- Protections for Staff and Campers who are at Higher Risk for Severe Illness from COVID-19
  - Offer options for staff at <u>higher risk for severe illness</u> that limit exposure risk (e.g., telework and modified job responsibilities).

Staff and campers who are or are unsure if they are at a higher risk of severe illness from Covid-19 should consult with their medical provider before attending camp.

 Offer options for campers at <u>higher risk for severe illness</u> that limit exposure risk (e.g., virtual learning opportunities).

Virtual Radnor Day Camp will not be offered as an alternative activity for the summer 2021 (unless substantial adverse impacts from COVID-19 occur).

 For staff and campers: Limit camp attendance to staff and campers who live in the local geographic area (e.g., community, city, town, or county) to reduce risk of spread from areas with higher levels of COVID-19.

Campers and staff from the same geographic local area will attend camp. Once assigned, camper groups will remain the same for the duration of camp and campers from other groups will not mix in with other camp groups.

• Put in place policies that protect the privacy of people at <u>higher risk for severe illness</u> regarding underlying medical conditions.

Camper and staff information is kept confidential.

#### Regulatory Awareness

• Be aware of local or state regulatory agency policies related to group gatherings to determine if events can be held.

The Recreation Department will operate Radnor Day Camp relative to the current regulatory policies that are in place. The Department will also work closely with the Radnor Township Office of Emergency Management in this regard.

- Identifying Small Groups and Keeping Them Together (Cohorting)
  - Keep campers together in small groups with dedicated staff and make sure they remain with the same group throughout the day, every day.
  - Limit mixing between groups if possible.

Campers will be assigned a designated group at camp that will stay the same for the entire duration of camp and campers from other groups will not mix in with other camp groups.

#### Staggered Scheduling

- Stagger arrival and drop-off times or locations by cohort (group) or put in place other protocols to limit contact between cohorts and with other campers' guardians as much as possible.
  - When possible, use flexible worksites (e.g., telework) and flexible work hours (e.g., staggered shifts) to help establish policies and practices for social distancing (maintaining distance of approximately 6 feet) between employees and others, especially if social distancing is recommended by state and local health authorities.

Daily arrival (and dismissal) will be structured and staggered within a pre-communicated, definite time frame and your camp group will be assigned a specific arrival time frame within which it will be very important you arrive. Daily group arrival time frames will be staggered to avoid group overlaps. You will be provided with an ingress/egress plan for the camp site that will include a specific drop off location for your group. Signage will be posted at the camp site. Campers will NOT be accepted outside of the arrival time frames. This is due to the screening process and procedures that are deployed each day at arrival. Parents/Guardians and Campers will remain in their vehicle the entire time as you enter the drop off location. Parents/Guardians that walk their camper to/from camp must remain in the drop off area at all times.

### • Gatherings, Visitors, and Field Trips

- Avoid group events, gatherings, or meetings where social distancing of at least 6 feet between people cannot be maintained. Limit group size to the extent possible.
- Limit any nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations as much as possible – especially with individuals not from the local geographic area (e.g., community, town, city, or county).
- Avoid activities and events such as field trips and special performances.
- Pursue options to convene sporting events and participation in sports activities in ways that minimize transmission of COVID-19 to players, families, coaches, and communities.

Camper group cohort activities and events such as those that may entail limited local visitors will take place outdoors and where social distancing of 6' or more can be maintained.

Limited excursions within strict regulations will be evaluated for offering for the summer 2021. If provided, they will be optional to campers.

#### Designated COVID-19 Point of Contact

 Designate a staff person (e.g., camp nurse or healthcare provider) to be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns. All camp staff and families should know who this person is and how to contact them.

The Director of Recreation will be responsible for responding to and communicating all Covid-19 related concerns directly with the Radnor Township Health Officer, including the Radnor Township Office of Emergency Management. Contact information will be provided to all parents/guardians prior to the first day of camp. This person will be the primary contact for parents/guardians, campers and staff and will be able to address any questions and concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic as related to Radnor Day Camp.

#### • Communication Systems

- Put systems in place for:
  - Consistent with applicable law and privacy policies, having staff and families self-report to the camp administrators if they have <u>symptoms</u> of COVID-19, a positive test for COVID-19, or were exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days in accordance with <u>health</u> <u>information sharing regulations for COVID-19 (e.g., see "Notify Health Officials and Close Contacts" in the <u>Preparing for When Someone Gets Sick section below</u>) external icon and other applicable privacy and confidentiality laws and regulations.</u>
  - Notifying staff and families of camp closures and restrictions in place to limit COVID-19 exposure (e.g., limited hours of operation).

Camp families are asked to self-report to the Radnor Township Director of Recreation if they have symptoms of Covid-19, a positive test for Covid-19, or have been exposed to someone with Covid-19 within the last 14 days. The Director of Recreation will communicate with the Radnor Township Health Officer. After further review of the situation, the appropriate protocol for restricting portions of the camp to operate or closing the camp entirely will be determined.

### Leave (Time Off) Policies

- o Implement flexible sick leave policies and practices that enable employees to stay home when they are sick, have been exposed, or <u>caring for someone who is sick</u>.
  - Examine and revise policies for leave, telework, and employee compensation.
  - Leave policies should be flexible and not punish people for taking time off, and should allow sick
    employees to stay home and away from co-workers. Leave policies should also account for
    employees who need to stay home with their children if there are school or childcare closures,
    or to care for sick family members.
- Develop policies for return-to-camp after COVID-19 illness. CDC's <u>criteria to discontinue home isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u> can inform these policies.

### • Back-Up Staffing Plan

Monitor absenteeism of campers and staff, cross-train staff, and create a roster of trained back-up staff.

The Recreation Department will do everything it can to have a sufficient amount of back-up staff members available to support and lead camper groups.

#### Staff Training

- Train staff on all safety protocols.
- Conduct training virtually or ensure that social distancing is maintained during training.

Camp Staff training will occur virtually as well as in-person on site to acclimate to the site and all related Covid-19, safety, and operational protocols and procedures.

#### Recognize Signs and Symptoms

- If feasible, conduct daily health checks (e.g., temperature screening and/or <u>symptom checking</u>) of staff and campers (if feasible) safely and respectfully, and in accordance with any applicable privacy laws and regulations.
  - Camp administrators may use examples of screening methods in CDC's supplemental <u>Guidance</u> for <u>Child Care Programs that Remain Open</u> as a guide for screening campers and CDC's <u>General Business FAQs</u> for screening staff.

Campers and staff are asked to stay home if they are not feeling well. We also ask that any parents/guardians who are not feeling well not approach the park site. Not feeling well can be defined by having a fever of 100.4 °F or greater, cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, fatigue, headache, muscle aches and pains, nausea, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, vomiting, or the overall not feeling like yourself. Campers and staff should become familiar with symptom checking before attending camp each day. Staff will also be trained in recognizing signs and symptoms of a sick camper and will respond accordingly (see link above regarding symptom checking).

Campers and staff who have tested positive for or are showing signs of Covid-19 must not come to camp. In addition, campers or staff who have had close contact with a person with Covid-19 should also stay home and monitor their health – please click on the link further above in this document for more information on this.

Camper and staff will receive a temperature and symptom check assessment before they are permitted to leave the vehicle and enter the camp site. A symptom check assessment includes cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, fatigue, headache, muscle aches and pains, nausea, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, vomiting, or the overall not feeling like yourself. Assessment information will be logged each day. Any camper or staff member registering a temperature of 100.4 degrees or more will not be permitted to attend camp or return to camp for at least 72 hours and until their temperature checks below 100.4 (please see the following at the CDC website regarding 'When You Can be Around Others'). You should consult with your doctor immediately for further guidance. Upon meeting the temperature check requirements, the camper will be permitted to enter the camp site and will be assigned to a designated daily welcome area. Each group will have its own designated and separate daily welcome area. All screenings and assessments will be logged each day.

#### Sharing Facilities

Encourage any organizations that share or use the camp facilities to also follow these considerations.
 and limit shared use, if feasible.

Camp facilities will not be shared by other organizations at Radnor Day Camp.

#### Support Coping and Resilience

- Encourage employees and campers to take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories about COVID-19, including social media if they are feeling overwhelmed or distressed.
- o Promote employees and campers eating healthy, exercising, getting sleep, and finding time to unwind.
- Encourage employees and campers to talk with people they trust about their concerns and how they are feeling.
- Consider posting signs for the national distress hotline: call or text 1-800-985-5990

These considerations and resources are made available to the general public via the Radnor Township website.

Camp staff members are annually trained in the area of monitoring their own health and safety and these considerations will be incorporated as well.

#### **Preparing for When Someone Gets Sick**

Camp administrators may consider implementing several strategies to prepare for when someone gets sick.

#### Advise Sick Individuals of Home Isolation Criteria

• Sick staff members or campers should not return to camp until they have met CDC's <u>criteria to</u> discontinue home isolation.

Parents/Guardians are provided with this information – please click the corresponding links above to access this information and review. Any questions or guidance is available by contacting the Radnor Township Health Officer.

#### • Isolate and Transport Those Who are Sick

- Make sure that staff and families know that they (staff) or their children (families) should not come to camp, and that they should notify camp officials (e.g., the designated COVID-19 point of contact) if they (staff) or their child (families) become sick with COVID-19 <u>symptoms</u>, test positive for COVID-19, or have been <u>exposed</u> to someone with symptoms or a confirmed or suspected case.
- Immediately separate staff and campers with COVID-19 <u>symptoms</u> (such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath) at camp. Individuals who are sick should be cared for following <u>CDC guidance for caring for</u> yourself or others who are sick.
- Work with camp administrators, nurses, and other healthcare providers to identify an isolation room or area to separate anyone who has COVID-19 symptoms or who has tested positive but does not have symptoms. If the camp has a nurse or other healthcare provider, they should use <u>Standard and</u> <u>Transmission-Based Precautions</u> when caring for sick people. See: <u>What Healthcare Personnel Should</u> <u>Know About Caring for Patients with Confirmed or Possible COVID-19 Infection.</u>
- o If a person becomes sick and needs to be transported, establish procedures for safely transporting them. If you are calling an ambulance or bringing someone to a healthcare facility, try to call first to alert them that the person may have COVID-19.

Camp families and staff members are asked to self-report to the Radnor Township Director of Recreation if they have symptoms of Covid-19, a positive test for Covid-19, or have been exposed to someone with Covid-19 within the last 14 days. The camper or staff member should not come to camp. The above guidance should be followed. The Director of Recreation will communicate with the Radnor Township Health Officer. After further review of the situation, the appropriate protocol for restricting portions of the camp to operate or closing the camp entirely will be determined.

If a camper becomes sick while at camp, a parent/guardian will be contacted right away. The parent/guardian will need to pick up their camper as soon as possible. In the meantime, the camper will be asked to wait in a pre-designated comfortable area at the camp site away from the other campers (but able to be supervised by a staff member) until the parent/guardian arrives. Parents/Guardians who do not pick up their camper within a one-hour time frame will forfeit their camper's enrollment at camp.

Any camper or staff member registering a temperature of 100.4 degrees or more will not be permitted to attend camp or return to camp for at least 72 hours and until their temperature checks below 100.4 (please see the following at the CDC website regarding 'When You Can be Around Others'). You should consult with your doctor immediately for further guidance. Determinations will be made at camp where the exposure may have occurred, and tracing will be deployed if needed.

#### Clean and Disinfect

- Close off areas used by a sick person and do not use these areas until after <u>cleaning and</u> <u>disinfecting</u> them (for outdoor areas, this includes surfaces or shared objects in the area, if applicable).
- Wait at least 24 hours before cleaning and disinfecting. If 24 hours is not feasible, wait as long as
  possible. Ensure <u>safe and correct</u> use and storage of <u>cleaning</u> and disinfection products, including storing
  them securely away from children.

Any exposed areas or equipment utilized by a contaminated camper or staff members may remain off-limits until deemed safe to reopen. Campers and staff members will be restricted from the exposed area and/or equipment. The areas will be cleaned and sanitized as guickly as possible in order to avoid exposure.

#### **Notify Health Officials and Close Contacts**

- In accordance with state and local laws and regulations, camp administrators should notifying <u>local</u>
   <u>health officials</u>, staff, and families immediately of any case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality
   in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Advise those who have had <u>close contact</u> with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 to separate themselves, <u>self-monitor for symptoms</u>, and follow <u>CDC guidance</u> if symptoms develop.

The Recreation Director will work closely under the guidance of the Radnor Township Health Officer and Radnor Township Office of Emergency Management along with the Chester County Health Department on all COVID-19 and health-related matters during the summer 2021. This includes situations of staff and camper exposures, the need for contact tracing, and any recommended protocols for quarantine or site closure.

#### Other Resources

- <u>Latest COVID-19 Information</u>
- Cleaning and Disinfection
- Guidance for Businesses and Employers
- Guidance for Schools and Childcare Centers
- Guidance for Park Administrators
- Shared and Congregate Housing
- COVID-19 Prevention
- Handwashing Information
- Masks
- Social Distancing
- COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions
- Persons at Higher Risk
- Managing Stress and Coping
- HIPAA and COVID-19external icon
- CDC Communication Resources
- Community Mitigation

By signing in the space provided below, I understand and acknowledge all the information outlined above about how Radnor Day Camp will operate along with my responsibilities contained within this document.

Signature			
Printed Name			
Date			