

CAMP GALILEE'S SWISS CHEESE APPROACH

There is no single action that can guarantee that a person will not get sick with COVID-19. Think of camp's response as a block of swiss cheese. Every slice of cheese, like each layer of protection, has holes in it, but layering several slices of cheese makes a thick block. The more precautions and steps taken prior to and during camp to mitigate the potential exposure to COVID-19, the fewer loopholes there are for the virus to enter and spread throughout camp.

OUR LAYERS BEGIN AT HOME

- **Isolation, Testing & Monitoring Symptoms**
 - **Within 14 days of your child's camp session, please consider isolating as much as possible. We understand all families have differing abilities to do this but please do the best you can.**
 - During the 14 days prior to camp, we ask all household members when they are out in their local community to take appropriate social distancing & preventative measures including:
 - Wearing a mask
 - Staying 6 feet away from other people
 - Washing hands with soap and water frequently
 - Utilizing delivery & curbside store services
 - Utilizing delivery, curbside, & takeout restaurant services only
 - Limiting non-essential travel
 - **Testing 1-3 days prior to arrival at camp**
 - Campers who are not fully vaccinated must provide proof, via email, of a negative viral test taken no more than 1-3 days before arriving at camp.
 - CDC does not recommend getting tested again in the three months after a positive viral test if the person does not have symptoms of COVID-19. Campers who have had a positive viral test in the 3 months prior to starting camp and have met the criteria to end isolation should have a letter from their healthcare provider documenting the positive test date and stating the individual is cleared to end isolation.
 - You can get COVID tests at many CVS, Walgreens and Rite-Aid pharmacies. Appointments are made online.
 - You need only get the fastest test available.
- **Please check for symptoms.**
 - fever of 100.4 °F or greater
 - new cough
 - shortness of breath
 - fatigue
 - muscle aches
 - nausea
 - new loss of taste or smell
 - sore throat
 - vomiting
 - chills
 - diarrhea
 - congestion

- If your camper is exhibiting symptoms or tests positive – cancel. You will be reimbursed for any payments made for the camp session.
- If YOU are exhibiting symptoms or test positive – *please arrange for someone else to drop off and or pick up your camper(s).*
- All camper households (the camper and all members living together) must complete and sign a symptom check form 24 hours before camp.
- **Remind, Review, Repeat**
 - How to effectively wear their mask
 - Helpful coughing & sneezing into your elbow etiquette when unmasked
 - Handwashing for 20 seconds and how long that actually is
 - How far away 6ft is and to look for or ask for cues
 - Not to share personal items – especially but not limited to used masks, water bottles, bedding, cups, towels, etc.
 - For older campers we suggest reviewing the symptoms of COVID-19.

ADDITIONAL LAYERS WHILE AT CAMP

- **Local Prevalence**
 - If the prevalence of COVID-19 cases is greater than 25 new cases/100,000 people, we will cancel that week's Session. This decision will be made by Wednesday of the week before the session begins.
- **Wellness Checks**
 - On arrival day we will be adding some COVID-19 specific screening questions to our regular wellness check.
 - Each day we will perform a symptom check for each camper and staff person.
- **Adventure Groups**

Fortunately for us, Camp Galilee has a tradition of organizing into small groups (Adventure Groups) for much of the week. *There will be some program modifications, but the session will still feel like camp.*

 - **Your camper's cabin is a cohort.** This group is a family for the week. There are places they will need to wear masks, but when campers and staff are in their Adventure Group, they will not be required to wear masks.
- **Masks**

Campers and their counselors will not be wearing masks while they are in their Adventure Groups. However, there may be times when they do need to wear them, so please pack them.

 - An effective mask should:
 - completely cover your nose and mouth
 - fit snugly against the sides of your face without any gaps
 - Please pack and clearly label 2 or more masks with your camper's name.
- **When Two Adventure Groups are Together**

This will happen at Chapel, Campfire and Free Choice Time. The following rules will be in effect whenever two Adventure Groups are together. These are all supervised times and Staff will be monitoring. However, you can help us by learning and following these rules before camp.

 - Be outside
 - Keep a physical distance of 6 feet when around people from the other Adventure Group
 - Keep a physical distance of 15 feet at Chapel and Campfire while singing
 - In addition to staff supervision there will be visual aids to guide you.
 - Wear your mask.

- **Cleaning, Disinfecting, & Sanitizing**
 - Washing hands with soap and water for 20 seconds
 - Hand sanitizer when soap and water are not readily available. Hand sanitizer and disinfectant will be available and stocked at activity areas around the property.
 - We will sanitize hands before and after using shared equipment AND disinfect share equipment after using it (*paddles, lifejackets, helmets, craft supplies, etc*).
- **Isolation & Quarantine**
 - If a camper or staff member exhibits symptoms, Galilee has a designated cabin with a bed and private restroom for isolation until we can get test results. If multiple Adventure Group members exhibit symptoms, they will isolate together. If members of different Adventure Groups exhibit symptoms, they will isolate separately. Isolated campers will be supervised by 2 vaccinated staff.
 - The Executive Director, Assistant Director or Program Director will contact the parent or guardian.
 - Camp will begin contact tracing, health monitoring, testing, isolation, and/or contacting other guardians/emergency contacts as deemed appropriate.
 - If a camper or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, they will quarantine under supervision of 2 vaccinated staff in the designated cabin until they can be picked up. We will arrange for delivery of any meals and any other needs.
 - Emergency contacts of the *other* campers and staff in their cabin will be informed immediately that someone in their cabin has tested positive. *Due to HIPAA laws, the exact identity of the COVID-19 positive patient cannot be shared.*
 - The rest of their cabin will be monitored, isolated, & tested as appropriate.
 - Contact tracing of the patient's previous 48 hours will begin immediately. Those traced will be monitored closely by the staff & COVID-19 tests will be administered as needed.

EVEN MORE LAYERS AFTER CAMP

- **Limit Interactions for your camper**
 - While it will be exciting to welcome home campers after camp, we strongly recommend limiting in person contact for at least 14 days - especially with folks who are at-risk, over the age of 65, and/or are not yet vaccinated.
- **Keep Us Posted**
 - If your camper exhibits COVID-19 symptoms or tests positive within 14 days of returning home, please contact camp immediately so we can take appropriate measures to contact trace and inform other camp families as necessary.

RESOURCES

American Camp Association Field Guide
Center for Disease Control Camp Planning Tool
North Star Camp COVID-19 Playbook
The Episcopal Camps & Conference Centers Program Summit, Annual Conference, &
Network

THANKS

Thank you for reading.
Thank you for taking the threat of COVID-19 seriously.
Thank you for doing your best to quarantine before camp.
Thank you for sharing the new policies and procedures with your campers and making
sure they understand them.