

Covid 19 and Camp

Covid 19 is a highly contagious virus that has been spreading globally for over a year. Due to the severity of this illness, stringent protocols will be put into practice during Summer Camp 2021 involving all areas of camp.

- Allyson Ashmore, Camp Hopewell Director, will serve as the “Safety Officer” for camp, overseeing all procedures and protocols related to the prevention of a case or outbreak at camp amongst campers and staff.
- Staff members will follow social distancing protocol prior to their arrival as staff members onsite. 2 weeks prior to arrival, staff must practice wearing masks in public, social distancing from others, monitoring health and possible illness, eliminating travel outside of their own geographical regions and practicing contact tracing. Temperatures will be monitored, and any suspicion of illness will be reported to the camp director.
- In the cabins, capacity will be at 55% with staff and campers. Each camper will have their own bunk bed and will choose to sleep on the top or bottom bunk. Beds will be set up so that heads of campers and staff are alternated to ensure the proper social distancing of at least 6 feet apart. Bathing times will be staggered to ensure proper distancing. Cabins will be cleaned and sanitized daily. Campers and Staff will be required to use hand sanitizer before entering the Cabin. Personal belongings will be contained on their own bunk. Campers and Staff will not be permitted to handle other’s personal belongings or have contact with the bunk unless necessary. If necessary, gloves will be worn by the Staff member. Increased ventilation will be used to circulate as much fresh air as possible.
- Staff members will be required to monitor the health of themselves as well as their campers on a daily basis. Temperatures will be taken prior to breakfast and recorded. If a camper or staff member presents with an elevated temperature, a staff member will report this immediately to the health care manager. Anyone suspected of illness will put on a face mask, be removed from the group and assessed by either the camp nurse or the director for further treatment. If Covid 19 symptoms are present, a parent or guardian will be notified and the patient will be isolated in the infirmary until medical treatment is sought. Health staff members handling possible Covid 19 patients will wear an N95 facemask and disposable gloves. Staff members will isolate themselves and notify the administration if they develop symptoms of Covid 19.
- For registration and departure, times will be staggered to minimize exposure between cabin groups. All camper and staff belongings must be kept in a hard surface container such as a plastic tub or a trunk.
- During Training, Staff will learn about proper techniques for preventing the spread of Covid 19. Proper hand washing with soap and warm water for a minimum of 20 seconds before eating, upon leaving your cabin, after touching frequently touched surfaces such as handles or door knobs, after using the restroom, after coughing, sneezing or blowing of nose, and after using shared equipment. Hand sanitizer will be readily available and be used when hand washing is not feasible.

- Face masks will be used by staff members and campers in situations where proper social distancing cannot be maintained. Information will be taught to staff members and campers on proper use, removal and washing of cloth face coverings.
- Staff and campers will be instructed on the need to maintain physical distancing. Attempts will be made to increase spacing between individuals and groups. Cabin groups will limit mixing with other cabin groups, and will social distance in times such as meals, energizers, worship and large group gatherings. Physical guides such as tape on the floor or barriers on the ground will be used to designate areas.
- Cabin access will be limited to only individuals that reside within that cabin. If leadership staff needs to enter, they will be required to wear a mask and social distance as able.

Registration and Departure of Campers

Registration will look very different for camp this summer, so please be patient and follow instructions as best as possible. Know that we are doing all of this for the health of campers, staff, and those loved ones we are all in contact with.

Each family will be assigned a check-in time prior to the first day of camp. If campers arrive early, they will wait in their vehicles on the side of the Hopewell road until their designated time. The gate will be closed until time, and cars will be admitted in an orderly process. Only 1 person should bring a child to camp, if possible. Temperatures will be checked for all persons in the vehicle, so limiting people will help this process go swiftly. *Please know that if one person in a vehicle registers with a temperature above 100, the camper(s) will not be permitted to stay at camp.* All persons in vehicles will wear masks. Staff will be doing the same. Campers and parents will remain in their vehicle throughout registration. Counselors will be called to a car to greet their camper and will assist in removing luggage from the vehicle. All belongings will be sprayed with a sanitizing spray and placed in the cabin's designated area. Campers will be introduced to their cabin group located at a picnic table near the pavilion. After all campers in each age group arrive, cabin groups will go to their cabins to move in.

On the last day of camp, Friday, we will close our session with a worship service prior to departure. Unfortunately, this summer, parents/family members will not be able to attend. Campers and staff will participate in the service, sharing something they have learned during their time at camp. The service will be recorded and posted on our Facebook page for families to enjoy. Check out will again be done from the vehicle. Check-out time will be communicated to parents via email prior to your child's stay at camp. Parents will sign out their camper, receive a camp photo and any medication that needs to be returned. All campers' luggage will be loaded in the vehicle and campers will go to their vehicle with their counselor.

In the Dining Hall

Mealtime will also look very differently this summer due to Covid 19.

Prior to mealtime, each cabin group will be expected to return to their own cabin to have campers thoroughly wash their hands. Cabin groups will then proceed to the area outside of the dining hall, asking them to do so without touching anything on their way. When it is time for the meal to begin, a designated staff member will call cabin groups into the dining hall one at a time. As campers enter the hall, they will be given hand sanitizer to use on their hands. Groups will line up and go up to get their plate from the serving window, which will have a Plexiglas barrier across it. Cups will be on tables with ice and water in the cups. Silverware will be at each seat. Campers and staff members will

have assigned seats for each meal, and must sit at those seats unless the seating has been reassigned by a counselor. The chair will be clean and sanitized in between a change, as well as every day prior to a meal. Campers will be distanced at the table, and will be asked to not touch anything but their own utensils, cups and plates. Once the meal is complete, camper plates will be collected by a gloved staff member, who will scrape plates and stack them. The table will be left as tidy as possible for the dining hall staff to clean. Counselors will come around to each camper and give them hand sanitizer to use prior to exiting the dining hall. Only the main door to the hall will be used, and only one cabin group will leave at a time. **It is IMPERATIVE that social distancing be maintained between cabin groups at all times.**

Campers need to wear proper clothing in the dining hall. Shirts and shoes must be worn. Bathing suits are only to be worn underneath proper clothing.

Due to Covids 19, we will not be singing or shouting in the dining hall to minimize air exposure among campers and staff.

Cabin Clean up and Maintenance Guidelines

The following guidelines for daily cabin clean up will be followed within each cabin to ensure proper cleaning and sanitation throughout each camp session.



- Sweep/vacuum floors, including porches. Mop floor as needed.
- Check behind and under mattresses for trash and gum on floor/furniture and remove.
- Sanitize with cleaner provided to you.: bathrooms, counter tops, light switches, door handles and trash can lids. (Don't let campers handle bleach bottle. Counselors can spray for them.)
- Put out fresh toilet paper and paper towels, and refill soap as needed.
- Clean mirrors and wipe shelves.
- Check all lights and replace bulbs as needed. Check hot and cold water and report any needed repairs.
- Check thermostats. Do not turn A/C below 72 degrees or set window units above 6. The units will freeze up and won't blow cool air.
- Report any broken blinds as a maintenance request.
- Remember that we are on a septic system, so **only toilet paper** can be flushed in the toilets. If a toilet is stopped up, please plunge immediately.
- Report any plumbing problems, (**not a stopped up toilet**), as a maintenance request.
- Keep cabins free from items spread out on the floor. Have campers pick up clothing, etc. daily.

After campers leave...

Staff members will bring all lost and found to the pavilion contained in a clear trash bag.

Wearing gloves and a mask, our staff will thoroughly clean the entire cabin, disinfecting every touchable surface with a disinfecting cleaner. They will remove and carry all trash to the dumpster. All surfaces will be sanitized: the doors, trash cans, light switches, etc. A/C filters will be cleaned or changed. Cabins will then be sprayed with our commercial grade sanitizer.