



CITY OF SAN MARCOS SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM 2021 COVID GUIDELINES

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Addendum to Summer Fun & Discovery Camp
Parent Handbooks - May 24, 2021

The City of San Marcos is closely monitoring recommendations put forth by the CDC and Governor Abbott's office. This document will serve as an addendum to our Parent Handbook, acknowledging specific protocols that we are implementing for our 2021 summer camp programs in relation to the situation with COVID-19. We will continue to evaluate the recommendations and will make adjustments as needed.

	MANDATORY	BEST PRACTICE
SCREENING	<p>✓ PARENTS/GUARDIANS MUST REMAIN IN THEIR VEHICLES DURING DROP-OFF/PICK-UP. STAFF WILL GREET THE CAMPER, COMPLETE THE HEALTH SCREENING, AND ESCORT THE CHILD INSIDE ONCE CLEARED TO ATTEND.</p>	<p>✓ PARENTS/GUARDIANS SHOULD MONITOR THE HEALTH OF THEIR CHILDREN AND NOT SEND THEM TO THE PROGRAM IF THEY EXHIBIT ANY SYMPTOM OF COVID-19. THEY SHOULD SEEK COVID-19 TESTING PROMPTLY AND REPORT RESULTS TO THE PROGRAM GIVEN THE IMPLICATIONS FOR OTHER CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND STAFF. INDIVIDUALS AGED 65 OR OLDER ARE AT A HIGHER RISK OF COVID-19. PARENTS SHOULD PROTECT ANY VULNERABLE PERSONS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE SAME HOUSEHOLD OR COME INTO FREQUENT, CLOSE CONTACT WITH INFANTS, CHILDREN AND YOUTH WHO ATTEND CHILD CARE CENTERS, SCHOOLS, OR YOUTH CAMPS.</p> <p>✓ STAFF SHOULD MONITOR THEIR HEALTH AND NOT REPORT TO THE PROGRAM IF THEY EXHIBIT ANY SYMPTOM OF COVID-19. STAFF ARE REQUIRED TO IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THEIR SUPERVISOR IF THEY EXHIBIT COVID-19 SYMPTOMS.</p> <p>SYMPTOMS INCLUDE: FEVER (100.4+), DRY COUGH, CHILLS, REPEATED SHAKING WITH CHILLS, MUSCLE PAIN, HEADACHE, SORE THROAT, NEW LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL AND DIFFICULTY BREATHING OR SHORTNESS OF BREATH.</p> <p>✓ STAFF AND CAMPERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR FACE MASKS DURING CAMP HOURS.</p>



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“All of these factors mean that while certain precautions against the spread of COVID-19 can and will be applied to schools, child care centers, and youth camps, the infection control measures that can be put in place in these settings will differ from those that are suitable for other social, business and commercial settings.” - quoted from the Checklist for Day Youth Camp Operators and Staff provided by Governor Abbott’s office (as of March 10, 2021).

	MANDATORY	BEST PRACTICE
WHILE AT CAMP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ STAFF AND CAMPERS WILL BE SPLIT INTO GROUPS THAT WILL REMAIN CONSISTENT FOR THE WEEK. ✓ PARENTS/GUARDIANS MAY NOT VISIT DURING CAMP HOURS. PARENTS/GUARDIANS WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED ONSITE DURING DROP-OFF/PICK-UP AND MUST REMAIN IN THEIR VEHICLE. ✓ CAMPERS WILL BE SPACED OUT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, WITH NO MORE THAN FOUR CAMPERS PER TABLE. ✓ FIELD TRIPS WILL BE LIMITED. ✓ HAND SANITIZER, DISINFECTING WIPES, AND SOAP AND WATER WILL BE READILY AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT CAMP. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ STAFF/CAMPER GROUPS WILL REMAIN AS CONSISTENT AS POSSIBLE FOR THE DURATION OF THE SUMMER. THIS WILL VARY SOME BASED ON WEEKLY ATTENDANCE. ✓ MIXING BETWEEN GROUPS WILL BE RESTRICTED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. ✓ SIX FEET OF DISTANCE WILL BE MAINTAINED WHEN POSSIBLE.



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“While the risk of serious illness or loss of life is greatest in those 65 years of age or older with pre-existing health conditions, persons in every age group can become infected with COVID-19 and some may become seriously ill or even die. We should all be thankful that, with rare exceptions, COVID-19 is not claiming the lives of our children. However, we can never forget that a child with a mild or even asymptomatic case of COVID-19 can spread that infection to others who may be far more vulnerable.” - quoted from the Checklist for Day Youth Camp Operators and Staff provided by Governor Abbott’s office (as of March 10, 2021).

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SICK CAMPERS OR STAFF	<p>✓</p> <p>ISOLATE STAFF OR CAMPERS EXHIBITING NEW OR WORSENING SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS OF POSSIBLE COVID-19 AND CONTACT CINDY CONYERS, WHO WILL CONTACT THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT.</p> <p>✓</p> <p>DO NOT ALLOW STAFF OR CAMPERS WITH THE NEW OR WORSENING SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 TO RETURN TO CAMP UNTIL:</p> <p>IN THE CASE OF A STAFF OR CAMPER WHO WAS DIAGNOSED WITH COVID-19, THE INDIVIDUAL MAY RETURN WHEN ALL THREE OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA ARE MET: AT LEAST 3 DAYS (72 HOURS) HAVE PASSED SINCE RECOVERY (RESOLUTION OF FEVER WITHOUT THE USE OF FEVER-REDUCING MEDICATIONS); AND THE INDIVIDUAL HAS IMPROVEMENT IN SYMPTOMS (E.G., COUGH, SHORTNESS OF BREATH); AND AT LEAST 10 DAYS HAVE PASSED SINCE SYMPTOMS FIRST APPEARED; OR</p> <p>IN THE CASE OF A STAFF OR CAMPER WHO HAS SYMPTOMS THAT COULD BE COVID-19 AND DOES NOT GET EVALUATED BY A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL OR TESTED FOR COVID-19, THE INDIVIDUAL IS ASSUMED TO HAVE COVID-19, AND THE INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT RETURN UNTIL THE INDIVIDUAL HAS COMPLETED THE SAME THREE-STEP CRITERIA LISTED ABOVE; OR</p> <p>IF THE STAFFER HAS SYMPTOMS THAT COULD BE COVID-19 AND WANTS TO RETURN TO WORK BEFORE COMPLETING THE ABOVE SELF-ISOLATION PERIOD, THE INDIVIDUAL MUST OBTAIN A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL’S NOTE CLEARING THE INDIVIDUAL FOR RETURN BASED ON A NEGATIVE NUCLEIC-ACID COVID-19 TEST AND AN ALTERNATIVE DIAGNOSIS.</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>STAFF OR CAMPERS EXHIBITING NEW OR WORSENING SYMPTOMS OF POSSIBLE COVID-19 SHOULD RECEIVE A NUCLEIC ACID-BASED COVID-19 TEST. FIND TX COVID-19 TEST COLLECTION SITES ONLINE, CONTACT THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR TESTING, OR SEE A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.</p>



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“...such recommended protective measures that we can expect from adults are, for a variety of reasons, simply not possible for infants, children and youth to practice in schools, child care centers, and youth camps. In some cases, the child will be too young to understand and practice these precautions. We cannot, for example, expect a group of toddlers or schoolchildren not to engage in interactive play or share toys.” - quoted from the Checklist for Day Youth Camp Operators and Staff provided by Governor Abbott’s office (as of March 10, 2021).

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CLEANING AND HYGIENE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ CAMPERS AND STAFF WILL WASH THEIR HANDS IMMEDIATELY UPON ENTRY, BEFORE/AFTER EATING, AND BETWEEN ACTIVITIES. ✓ COMMUNAL SPACES WILL BE LIMITED AS CAMPERS WILL BE SPLIT INTO GROUPS AND THOSE GROUPS WILL STAY WITHIN DESIGNATED AREAS. SPACES WILL BE CLEANED ON A DAILY BASIS. ✓ SHARED ITEMS WILL BE CLEANED AND DISINFECTED BETWEEN USES. ADDITIONAL ITEMS THAT ARE NOT NECESSARY TO THE CAMP EXPERIENCE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. THESE ITEMS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO: BLANKETS, TOYS, GAMES. ✓ FREQUENTLY TOUCHED SURFACES WILL BE CLEANED AND DISINFECTED ON A DAILY BASIS. EXAMPLES OF FREQUENTLY TOUCHED SURFACES INCLUDE: TABLES, CHAIRS, DOOR HANDLES, HAND RAILINGS, AND FAUCETS. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ CAMPERS AND STAFF WILL FREQUENTLY WASH THEIR HANDS OR USE HAND SANITIZER. ✓ CLEANING AND DISINFECTING OF THE SPACE WILL BE COMPLETED ON MULTIPLE OCCASIONS THROUGHOUT THE DAY. ✓ WHEN POSSIBLE, WE WILL ASSIGN ITEMS TO CAMPERS TO REDUCE THE QUANTITY OF SHARED ITEMS. ✓ PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO REFER TO THE PARENT HANDBOOK TO IDENTIFY WHICH ITEMS ARE NEEDED FOR CAMP AND WHICH SHOULD STAY HOME. ✓ FREQUENTLY TOUCHED SURFACES WILL BE CLEANED AND DISINFECTED MULTIPLE TIMES THROUGHOUT EACH DAY.