MCPC SUMMER CAMP 2021
COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Staff are working hard to create a safe camp experience and will be implementing many new policies and procedures to safeguard everyone who participates in our programs.

WHAT ARE THE NEW SANITIZATION PROTOCOLS?
Hand-washing stations or hand sanitizer will be placed throughout the site. Campers will sanitize their hands upon entering camp in the morning and between activities. All equipment will be sanitized in between group use. Lunch/snack tables will be sanitized after each use. Staff will disinfect all equipment and indoor areas at the end of every day.
**WHAT SHOULD PARENTS DO EVERY MORNING BEFORE SENDING THEIR CHILD TO CAMP?**

Please screen your child in the morning for the following symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Chills/Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle Pain
- Headache
- Sore Throat
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Loss of taste or smell

Campers will also be screened and have their temperature taken when they arrive at drop off each morning. Children and staff with a fever in excess of 100.3 degrees Fahrenheit, exhibiting other symptoms of COVID-19, or have been exposed to a person known to have COVID-19 during the preceding 14 days shall not be allowed to enter the facility. (DOH Standards)

**WILL CAMPERS AND STAFF BE WEARING MASKS AT CAMP?**

Campers will be required to wear a mask when arriving/leaving camp each day. During the day, campers will be able to remove their masks if the activity is outside and everyone is able to maintain proper social distancing. Masks will be required when campers and staff are not able to social distance, except where doing so would inhibit that individual’s health or in extreme heat outdoors.

When required, campers must wear cloth or disposable masks over their mouth and nose. If a camper forgets their mask, a disposable mask will be provided for the duration of the camp day.

**HOW WILL CAMP BE SOCIAL DISTANCING?**

Campers and counselors will be in consistent groups and will remain at least 6 feet apart from other groups. Activities have been planned to naturally allow for social distancing between campers.

**HOW WILL SOCIAL DISTANCING HAPPEN DURING LUNCH/SNACKS?**

Lunch and/or snack breaks will have campers spaced at least 6 feet apart and will be held outdoors.

**WILL GROUPS BE SMALLER THIS YEAR?**

Yes! Maximum number of campers within each session varies to allow for greater social distancing.
WHAT WILL RAINY DAYS LOOK LIKE?
Any day extreme weather is expected, MCPC will make a decision whether or not to run camp. This decision will be made and communicated to you in a timely manner. Our aim will be to notify parents/guardians by 6 pm the night before to allow you time to make alternate arrangements. No refunds will be issued for rainy days.

WILL CAMP STILL OFFER INDOOR ACTIVITIES?
Previous indoor activities will now be held outdoor as much as possible in shaded areas.

WHAT IF SOMEONE TESTS POSITIVE AT HOME OR IS EXPOSED OUTSIDE OF CAMP?
Families are required to notify MCPC if their camper or someone from the camper’s household has been exposed to COVID-19 within two weeks of the 1st day of camp or at any time while the child is participating in camp. If you have a close contact in your household or a family member tests positive, you must keep your child home for the recommended quarantine timeframe to make sure they do not show symptoms before being readmitted to camp.

BASED ON GUIDELINES FROM THE CDC AND THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:
Person A: Positive Case
• Must isolate as per NJ DOH guidelines and until fever free for 3 days without medication.

Person B: Close Contact with an individual who tested positive
• Close Contact are individuals who were within 6 feet of a confirmed COVID-19 case for a prolonged period of time (approximately 15 minutes or more over a 24 hour period).
• Anyone in close contact should remain home, practice social distancing and monitor for symptoms.
• Examples of close contact include:
  • Living in the same household and sharing common spaces with a person diagnosed with COVID-19
  • Caring for a person diagnosed with COVID-19
  • Being in direct contact with a person with COVID-19 which include being coughed on, sharing utensils, etc.

Person C: Contact with a contact.
• Unless person B gets sick, person C doesn’t have to do anything.

We will be monitoring closely to make sure there is no close contact at camp and we remain outdoors as much as possible.
WHAT IF A CAMPER GETS SICK WHILE AT CAMP?

If a child does get sick at camp, we have identified an area where they can rest, be watched after, and safely isolate from others. The camper will be immediately removed from the group and brought to the designated area. A staff member will stay with the camper and contact their parents/guardian to come and pick them up immediately. If for any reason the immediate emergency contact cannot be reached, staff will move down the emergency contact list.

If a camper or staff is confirmed to have COVID-19, the parents/guardians of anyone who was in close contact (as defined by the CDC) will be contacted by staff via email and/or telephone.

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN TO CAMP?

Sick campers should not return to camp until they have met CDC’s criteria to discontinue home isolation. This includes: 10 days since symptoms first appeared, 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications, and other symptoms are improving. A camper may return to camp earlier if a doctor confirms the cause of the fever or other symptoms is not COVID-19 and releases the child to return to camp in writing.

New Jersey Department of Health’s guidance available here:

**SYMPTOM-BASED STRATEGY**

Non severely immunocompromised\(^1\) patients with mild\(^2\) to moderate\(^3\) illness should remain on isolation **≥10 DAYS** have passed since symptoms first appeared (up to 20 days for severe\(^4\) or critical\(^5\) illness or those who are severely immunocompromised) **AND** at least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever, without use of fever-reducing medication **AND** improvement in symptoms.

**TIME-BASED STRATEGY**

Asymptomatic persons should remain on isolation **≥10 DAYS** have passed since the date of first positive COVID-19 viral diagnostic test (up to 20 days for those who are severely immunocompromised) **AND** have **remained asymptomatic** (if symptoms appear during this time refer to above).

**TEST-BASED STRATEGY**

Generally not recommended. Could be considered for persons who are severely immunocompromised in consultation with an infectious disease expert, if concerns exist for the patient being infectious for more than 20 days.
What is your Cancellation/Refund Policy?

In planning our camp programs, MCPC incurs many non-recoverable expenses on behalf of the participant. All cancellations must be put in writing.

If cancellation is requested more than 30 days prior to the start of camp, 90% of the registration fee will be returned and 10% will be retained for administrative fees. If the cancellation is requested less than 30 days prior to the start of camp, refunds will be provided ONLY if the vacancy can be filled with another camper, less a 10% administrative fee. There will be no refunds for any days missed within a session by a camper.

MCPC reserves the right to cancel any camp session. In the event of a cancellation by MCPC, you will receive a credit to your household account (pro-rated daily if cancellation happens during the session), minus a 10% administrative fee. There are no refunds due to weather related closures.

There may be further changes to our camp procedures as the situation evolves and new guidance is provided by state, county, or local health departments. Any changes to our COVID-19 procedures will be emailed to registered families prior to the start of camp.

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