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LCC Summer Camp 2021

Health and Wellness

COVID Operations FAQ

The health and safety of our campers and staff at Kirchenwald and Nawakwa continues to be a top priority in our ministry at camp. In light of COVID-19, our organization is working in cooperation with the American Camp Association, the Department of Health, our COVID Task Force, and other camps across the country to outline and implement best practices for the well-being of everyone at camp. These policies and practices may be updated as new information becomes available.



What will camp look like in 2021?

Certainly, some things will be different from what we've grown accustomed to in the past. However, the core of what we do at camp will remain the same. Camp will continue to be a place of faith formation where God's love is experienced and shared by all. We will form a welcoming and inclusive community that celebrates our gifts and the diversity of creation. And we will leave from our week at camp, equipped and encouraged to return to our families and friends with a passion for loving God and our neighbor.

Ok, but what specifically will be different?

In truth, Kirchenwald and Nawakwa are designed in such a way that our program already adheres to the majority of safety recommendations that our health officials are advising.

- We spend nearly all our time outdoors
- We live in small groups
- We create a bubble and rarely interact with the general public

These foundations will be enhanced to address the realities of communicable disease. We will also make use of additional equipment and practices such as:

- Sanitation stations in areas of camp not in proximity to restrooms
- Daily health screenings
- Personal Protective Equipment (masks, gloves, etc)
- Focused health and safety training
- Enhanced cleaning practices
- Any additional guidelines from the CDC and the state of Pennsylvania

What do we need to do before camp?

- Every camper will need to self-isolate for 10 days prior to arrival at camp. This is to reduce the likelihood of coming into contact with the virus and bringing it on to camp property. This *does not* mean campers must stay in their homes for 10 days. It *does* mean that campers and their families should not engage in activities that are considered higher risk for the transmission of COVID-19.
- During the 10 day window, campers are to follow best practices as outlined by the CDC, social distance when with others, wear a mask, practice good hygiene, and no unnecessary traveling or group events.
- **Campers will keep a daily health record for 10 days prior to arriving at camp.** This record will include temperature checks. The record form is available on the camp website.
- **Campers and guardians must sign the COVID-19 Liability Waiver**, also available on the website.
- At this time a negative COVID test result is not required to attend camp.
- If, during the 10 day window, a camper develops symptoms of COVID-19, a person in the household develops symptoms of COVID-19, or comes in contact with a person known to have COVID-19, please contact the camp to make plans to reschedule your week.
- **All pre-camp health screening paperwork must come with the camper at registration in order to be admitted into camp.**
- Day campers are to continue self-isolating and following best practices when they go home each day.



How will check-in work?

- We request that only persons in the camper's household may come to camp to drop off their child and encourage families to bring only those children who are unable to be otherwise supervised.
- Families must be appropriately distanced from one another while in line for check-in.
- Temperature checks and COVID-specific screenings at check-in must be passed before a camper is allowed to join their group.
- Only one parent/guardian may enter the camper's living space during drop-off.
- **Masks must be worn by all persons on site.**

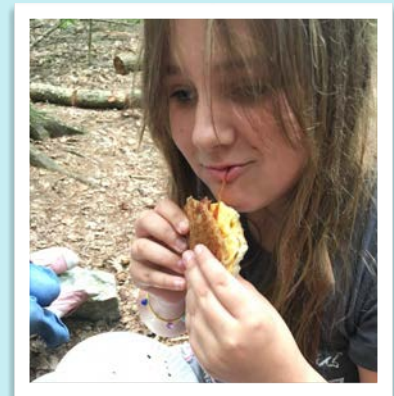
What will be done during camp to keep each child and staff person safe?

- Camp program will take place outdoors or in open-air facilities whenever possible. Some programs may be modified to accommodate this practice.
- Each camper and staff person will document a daily health check, including a temperature reading and COVID-specific screening questions.
- **All campers and staff will wear masks at all times.** Exceptions to this rule include while eating, sleeping, showering, and swimming. (Camp will have a supply of additional disposable masks)
- It is advised to pack at least two masks per day.
- The small-group nature of our program will be emphasized, keeping camper groups independent of one another.

- Campers and staff may only enter living areas specifically assigned to them. Maintenance staff and certain program staff may enter for cleaning purposes or other essential reasons when the facility is not otherwise occupied.
- Any all-camp activities will take place outdoors and abide by social distancing guidelines.
- Group sizes will stay within advised limits to reduce concern for disease spread.
- Programmatic schedules will be structured to reduce the chance of groups overlapping in any one given activity.
- Nightly showering times will be staggered so that only one group at a time is making use of that space.
- Hand washing/sanitation before meals and before/after higher risk activities will be **mandatory**.
- Campers may not leave camp for another scheduled activity and then return in the same week. Please plan doctor's appointments, sports and music commitments, and other activities for another time.
- Camp maintenance staff will increase sanitation practices for all high traffic facilities.
- Changes to the program have already been initiated to reduce or completely eliminate the chance of campers coming into contact with the public during their time at camp.
- Camp staff have been identified as essential workers, in the same category as day care employees, and are marked for vaccination in Phase 1B. All staff will be given instructions to receive the vaccine prior to arrival at camp for training.
- Summer staff will abide by COVID-specific guidelines to advise their social activity for staying healthy.
- Summer staff receives training in lifeguarding, first aid, CPR, and wilderness first aid. These courses have lessons on communicable disease. Additional training for COVID-19, specifically, will be provided.

How will you do meals at camp?

- For meals that traditionally use shared eating space, social distancing will be employed to meet best practice recommendations.
- Regular cookout meals allow camper groups to eat outdoors and isolated from all other groups in camp.
- Some meals may be scheduled to stagger group times in an effort to prevent disease spread from one group to another.
- The distribution of food at meals will be modified to avoid sharing any serving utensils.



What happens if someone develops COVID-19 symptoms while at camp?

- Presentation of symptoms in a camper or staff person will initiate the action of the COVID Management Team, comprised of the Camp Director, Camp Nurse, Maintenance Manager, and any other people assigned at that time.
- Campers or staff who present symptoms of COVID-19 will be immediately removed from their group and placed under the supervision of the camp nurse in a designated quarantining location.
- ***If the symptomatic person is a camper, the camper's parents/guardians will be contacted and must come to camp for pick-up.*** It is advised that guardians take the camper to a doctor and receive a COVID test.
- Parents/guardians of the other campers in the group will be contacted concurrently, and decisions about picking up those campers will be made based on the situation.
- If the symptomatic person is staff, the staff person will drive themselves home or contact a parent/guardian for pick-up.

- Other campers and staff in the identified group will undergo an additional health screening.
- Staff will collect the camper's belongings and prepare them to be picked up with the camper.
- Maintenance staff will conduct a thorough cleaning of that camper's overnight facility.
- The parents/guardians of all other campers and minor staff, not in the symptomatic camper's group, will be contacted to report the case.
- Camp staff will remain in contact with the symptomatic camper's family and, if that person tests positive, communication will be made to all campers and staff from that week and with the department of health to initiate contact tracing, as necessary.

Will pick-up at the end of the week be any different?

- Like check-in at the start of the week, we request that only persons in the camper's household come to camp to pick up their child and encourage families to bring only those children who are unable to be otherwise supervised.
- Campers will prepare their belongings prior to pick-up and have them outside, weather permitting, to easily collect them and transport them to vehicles.
- Again, all persons on site must wear a mask.

Is there anything I need to do after camp is over?

- Continue to monitor the health of your campers for at least 10 days after they leave camp. You are responsible for contacting the camp if your camper develops COVID symptoms or tests positive for COVID within that time frame.
- If the camp receives a report of a suspected COVID case from a camper who has already departed, the department of health will be contacted and contact tracing will be employed, as necessary.

