



# **COVID-19 Practices & Policies:** A Guide to Help Camp Families Prepare for a Fun, Safe Summer

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Greetings from YMCA Camp Kresge,

We are looking forward to your camper joining us for an amazing summer at camp. Please take a moment to review this information regarding Camp Kresge's response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and the precautions necessary to make this summer a success. Please note: these policies and protocols are subject to change as the summer progresses. Should you have any additional questions or need further information, please call the Camp Office at (570) 443-2267 or email [ck.office@wbymca.org](mailto:ck.office@wbymca.org).

## **General Information**

### **ARE YOU STILL PLANNING ON DELIVERING PROGRAMS AS SCHEDULED?**

The Day Camp program has been postponed by one week; the first day of Day Camp is scheduled for Monday, June 15. We look forward to seeing all of our Day Campers then!

After a lot of soul-searching and careful deliberation, we have come to the sad conclusion that we cannot operate our Overnight Camp program this summer. We understand that this change to your child's summer plans is disappointing; please know that arriving at this decision required a thoughtful and lengthy process. While we are deeply saddened to cancel overnight camp this summer, we are looking forward to having the best season ever in 2021.

### **ADJUSTED REFUND AND CANCELTION POLICY**

If you need to cancel your child's session for this summer or make any changes to your camp registration, please contact our Camp Office via phone or email.

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### **HEALTH FORMS AND KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE**

Attending camp programs in a group setting this summer, the health of our staff and campers has never been more important. In order for your child to attend summer camp, your CampDoc profile must be 100% completed. We are requiring a copy of your child's vaccination record to be uploaded to CampDoc as well.

Additional actions we are taking to ensure a safe camp community this summer include adding a pre-arrival COVID-19 screening self-assessment as well as COVID-19 questions/protocols to opening day screening. Your child's safety is our number one priority and we will continue to adjust to the guidelines and protocols set forth by the CDC and other authoritative organizations.

## **WHAT RESOURCES IS CAMP USING TO ENSURE A SAFE CAMP FACILITY?**

YMCA Camp Kresge is following all guidelines and protocols recommended by the YMCA of the USA, American Camp Association, Association of Camp Nurses, Center for Disease Control & Prevention, and Pennsylvania Department of Health.

## **ARE THERE ANY OTHER RESOURCES THAT YOU RECOMMEND FOR TALKING TO MY CHILDREN ABOUT COVID-19?**

There are a number of useful resources available to assist families in understanding the current situation including these below:

Talking with your child about the coronavirus: Healthline has published "[How to Talk to Your Kids About the Coronavirus.](#)"

Psychology Today has published "[How to Talk to Your Anxious Child About the Coronavirus.](#)"

## **SAFETY PROTOCOLS**

### **HOW WILL CAMP KRESGE MAINTAIN A SAFE, CLEAN FACILITY?**

Over the past weeks, Camp Kresge has made numerous improvements to the facility, program curriculum, and cleaning procedures that will allow for a safe experience at day camp. New handwashing stations have been placed throughout camp to allow for hand cleaning before and after activities and meals. A redesigned dining hall experience will enable us to still provide a nutritious lunch to all campers. Strict sanitizing procedures were developed to keep our program supplies and equipment clean. A new, large pavilion provides extra space for trail groups to stay separated during rainy or hot weather while still participating in fun activities.

## **ARE STAFF AND CAMPERS REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS?**

Anytime a staff member is within 6ft of another person, including other staff and campers, they are required to wear a mask or face covering that is clean, secure, well-fitted, and allows for breathing without restriction. While campers are not required to wear face masks all day, there are certain times that a mask is necessary.

- Campers may be required wear a mask on the bus if unable to be socially distant
- Campers may be asked to wear masks while participating in indoor activities where social distancing between groups is not feasible

## **WHAT WILL SOCIAL DISTANCING LOOK LIKE AT CAMP?**

Day Campers are separated by age into trail groups that are assigned the same counselor(s) each day of the week. The trail groups will follow a daily activity schedule that limits their interaction with other trail groups.

If special events take place that warrant all campers coming together, the trail groups will remain at least 6ft apart from one another. For campers in the same trail group, they will be encouraged to allow for extra space between each other, but are not required to stay 6ft apart at all times.

On the bus, campers will be seated in the best way to allow for separation from others.

## **HOW OFTEN ARE THE BUSES GOING TO BE CLEANED?**

The buses will be cleaned and sanitized prior to campers boarding the bus. After arriving at camp and unloading, the bus will be sanitized again before campers board the bus at the end of the camp day. After all campers have been dropped off, the bus will receive a final cleaning.

## **WILL THERE BE A NURSE ON SITE?**

The Max & Lorraine Health Lodge will be open during the Day Camp season, staffed by a nursing student and supervised by a registered nurse.

## **WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD IS SICK?**

Please do not send your child to camp if they are feeling sick or if they have had a known exposure to COVID-19. Any camper or staff member who demonstrates any symptoms of COVID-19 will be examined by the nurse and separated from all others while they wait to be picked up by their parent/guardian from camp.

## DAILY PROCEDURES

### WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD BRING TO CAMP EACH DAY?

All campers should wear sneakers and weather appropriate clothing. Be prepared for rainy, chilly, and extra hot days. Please pack sunscreen, a refillable water bottle, bathing suit, towel, and a face mask or covering. Other recommended items include bug spray and sun protection items like a hat or swim shirt. Label items with your child's name.

- The face mask or covering must be clean, secure, well-fitted, and allow for breathing without restriction.

### ANYTHING I SHOULDN'T PACK?

Please do not send any electronic devices with your child to camp. All items of value, including trading cards, toys, animals, and personal sports equipment are prohibited. Bringing alcohol, drugs, or weapons on property will result in immediate dismissal from the program. Please do not send any money as the Camp Store is no longer accepting cash payments; more details about purchasing items from the store will be sent to camp families.

### WHAT IS THE CHECK IN/CHECK OUT PROCEDURE?

Check-In:

- Parents will pull up to the designated check-in spot and roll down the window
- While in the car, the child's temperature will be checked and if the temp is under 100.3, the child can be signed in
- If child's temperature is 100.4 or higher, the child will remain in the car and will be allowed to return to camp once they have been without a fever for 24 hours
- If child's temperature is 100.3 or lower and they are signed in, they can join the other campers and await the bus's arrival

Riding the bus:

- All campers will have hand sanitizer applied to their hands before boarding the bus
- Campers may be required to wear masks on the bus to and from camp
- Children who live in the same household can sit together

#### Check-Out:

- Camp staff leads bus campers to line up at buses, masks may be required
- All children will have temperature checked before boarding buses. Any temps of 100.4 or higher require parents to come pick up their child
  - Parent will sign out child at the office and camper will be brought to the parent
- At the bus stop location, parents will remain in the vehicle and campers will remain on the bus until dismissed
- Staff member will check ID and campers will be walked to and put in car

### WILL THERE BE ANY FIELD TRIPS?

All field trips for Day Camp have been canceled for the upcoming summer. For families that already paid the additional Trip Week fee, the payment can be used toward another camp session payment or as a credit to use in the camp store.

### ARE ANY ACTIVITIES CANCELED?

We are anticipating an amazing summer full of traditional camp activities. While some program curriculum has been altered to allow for more social distancing, we are still planning to provide favorite camp activities like swimming, the aqua park, climbing tower & high ropes, archery, boating, and arts & crafts. We have introduced new activities that encourage teamwork while providing adequate space between campers, like archery tag, and we have great plans for our theme days!

### HOW DO I CONTACT CAMP?

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