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2021 STUDENT LIFE CAMP COVID-19 GUIDE

Camp is on, and we missed you last summer! We are so excited to celebrate that camp is happening this summer. This guide will help you prepare and answer questions your parents are likely asking and let you know what to expect when you come to camp. You'll learn what precautions we are committed to taking, as well as our expectations for participants. Prevention is our preferred strategy for COVID-19, rather than reacting to it. Working together is what will allow for a successful and transformational summer. The reality is that camp will look different, and that is okay. However, the things that are the most foundational to camp will still be there.

We remain committed to providing the camp experience you have come to expect from us. However, you may be wondering what camp will look like.

- Participants will be required to wear face coverings.
- We are prepared for multiple services.
- Your group will sit together during meal times and all large group gatherings.
- We have adjusted plans for Bible study and recreation to allow for social distancing.
- Other regulations may vary by location.

See the outline below for guidelines we are implementing. This plan is subject to change as we receive more guidance from local authorities and medical professionals. We will update it as need prior to camp on the specified dates below. Where not specified in this packet, our policy is to follow CDC and/or state/local/location guidelines for COVID-19 safety, and specifically for safety in camp settings.

Scheduled updates:

- April 9, 2021 | May 7, 2021 | June 4, 2021 | July 9, 2021

Section 1: Participant Responsibilities for COVID-19 Prevention

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SECTION 1:

Participant Responsibilities for COVID-19 Prevention

BEFORE CAMP

1. Parents will be required to sign a Camp Health Questionnaire within 24 hours prior to leaving for camp. If an answer to any question on the Health Questionnaire is “yes,” the participant must stay home.
2. Refer to the packing list for hygiene-related items needed at camp. Purchase and pack these items: hand sanitizer, face coverings, and wipes.

DURING CAMP

PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Notify Group Leader and do not participate in activities if any participant has any of the following symptoms:
 - Fever (of 100.4 or greater) or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
2. Face coverings will be required for all participants and staff. CDC-approved face coverings must be properly worn at all times while indoors (except in private spaces like personal rooms) and while outdoors, if not socially distanced. Camp staff will not provide face coverings but will have them available for purchase on site. We recommend participants bring at-least two masks per day.
3. Practice social distancing and limit touch and direct contact with other participants.
4. Wash hands thoroughly throughout each day of camp and use hand sanitizer when hand washing is not available and when asked by staff.
5. Do not share food or drink.
6. All participants are expected to comply with all COVID-19 guidelines designed to reduce the spread of COVID-19 infection and promote the health and safety of those attending camp.

GROUP LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Train adult leaders attending camp with your group on the health and safety protocols outlined in this document.
2. Do a temperature check and ask screening questions on all of your participants before they leave their rooms each day of camp. Groups are required to provide their own thermometers.
3. Make sure all of your participants are following health protocols, including hand washing, using hand sanitizer, social distancing, and wearing a face covering.
4. If participants develop COVID-19 symptoms listed below, report to camp leadership immediately.
 - Fever (of 100.4 or greater) or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell

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- Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
5. Take care of any quarantined participants (meal delivery, parent communication, medical treatment, and travel plans).
 6. Group excursions away from camp are strongly discouraged to limit exposure. Please keep supply runs to a minimum to reduce outside exposure.
 7. For health precautions, outside visitors are not allowed.
 8. Immediately report to your Camp Director any COVID-19 positive participants brought to your attention up to 48 hours after leaving camp.
 9. Any intentional, significant, pervasive, or repeated violations of COVID-19 guidelines, including requirements related to face coverings and physical distancing, will be addressed individually and may result in the person(s) or the group being sent home.

STUDENT LIFE CAMP RESPONSIBILITIES

1. If we are made aware of a participant who tests positive at camp or after returning home, we will notify Group Leaders of the participants we suspect were exposed. We will not share church names or specific participant names when making such notification.
2. We will provide a room/place for quarantined participants until plans to return home are made or as participants wait to be picked up as soon as possible.
3. Student Life Camp is not responsible for the costs associated with COVID-19 testing, medical attention, or other related costs.
4. Staff will follow the same protocols and COVID-19 response for participants and will support your group in any way possible to adhere to the guidelines.
5. If you have paid your final balance and an individual participant does not pass the health screening prior to camp because of a positive COVID-19 test or exposure, then all monies for that participant will be refunded to the church. We apologize that partial refunds cannot be given if participants don't complete the week of camp.



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SECTION 2: COVID-19 Response

1. If any participant has symptom(s) of COVID-19 listed below, immediately remove him or her from camp activities. Camp leadership will work with the camp location to provide an isolation area.
 - Fever (of 100.4 or greater) or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
2. Work with camp leadership to identify other participants who were exposed to symptomatic participants. Exposure is defined as being within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. Tracking exposure begins at 48 hours prior to the sign of their first symptom. Begin to monitor these potentially exposed participants more closely. Camp leadership will notify other church leaders if multiple groups are involved.
3. Contact parents and consider the need for medical attention and/or a rapid test.
4. If a rapid test is negative and an alternative diagnosis is provided, the participants may be allowed to return to camp activities, if not contagious with another illness (strep, flu, etc.).
5. If the participant is unable to get a negative rapid test (by availability, willingness to test, or positive result), the participant must return home as quickly as possible.
6. An exposed participant will be immediately removed from camp activities if the symptomatic participant's rapid test comes back positive. The Group Leader must contact parents and make plans to get the exposed participant home as quickly as possible.
7. There are certain exceptions for not needing to quarantine after exposure. You must be able to show appropriate documentation to qualify.

VACCINATIONS:

- You are fully vaccinated (i.e., ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series or ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine).
- You are within 3 months following receipt of the last dose in the series.

PAST RECOVERED CASE OF COVID-19:

- People who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 3 months and recovered do not have to quarantine or get tested again as long as they do not develop new symptoms.



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SECTION 3: Cleaning and Safety Procedures

WORSHIP CENTER:

1. Church groups are to sit together during large group sessions and during meal times. We will utilize assigned seating with church groups socially distanced. A seating rotation will be in place where groups can see all parts of the room during camp.
2. Before each cycle of camp, the worship center will be disinfected.
3. Hand sanitizer will be available at entrances.

DINING HALL:

1. Participants must wash or sanitize their hands before entering the dining hall. Hand sanitizing stations will be available.
2. To limit capacity, meal times may run on a rotation basis.
3. We will follow the venue's dining hall protocols as to the style of food service, outdoor service, use of dishes/utensils, and seating.

CLASSROOM:

1. Cleaning supplies will be available for staffers and church leaders to sanitize and clean surfaces after use.
2. As much as possible, outdoor meeting spaces will be utilized for groups.

RECREATION:

1. Steps have been taken to change recreation initiatives to limit contact and increase distancing, as much as possible.
2. Water stations will be coordinated by camp staff, volunteers, or adults wearing gloves and face coverings.
3. Hand sanitizer will be available.
4. Inclement weather and space restrictions may prohibit us from holding recreation if a large indoor space that allows for social distancing is not available.

MISSION SITES:

1. We will adhere to any guidelines provided by our mission site organizations.
2. Supplies will be provided for cleaning and disinfecting mission site equipment and supplies on a regular basis.

LODGING:

1. Specific room types and housing assignments are not always made available until 3-5 days before your camp begins.
2. Location staff will be cleaning and sanitizing rooms and bathrooms between camp weeks only.



SECTION 4: FAQs and Pro Tips

IS MY PARTICIPANT REQUIRED TO BE TESTED TO ATTEND CAMP THIS SUMMER?

No. Participants must complete and pass a Camp Health Questionnaire form the day they leave for camp. This form must be signed by parents, then collected and turned in by the Group Leader on opening day.

WILL PARTICIPANTS AND STAFF BE REQUIRED TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS DURING CAMP?

Yes. Face coverings will be required for all attendees and staff. CDC-approved face coverings must be properly worn at all times while indoors except in private spaces (personal rooms), and outdoors, if not socially distanced, unless required by additional local guidelines. Camp staff will not provide face coverings but will have them available for purchase on site.

WHAT ARE YOUR PROCEDURES FOR STAFFERS?

Staffers will follow the same guidelines asked of participants and leaders. They will help with COVID-19 prevention efforts in all areas of camp and reinforce safety guidelines.

WHAT IF A PARTICIPANT OR STAFF MEMBER IS SHOWING SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 OR ANY OTHER ILLNESS?

If any of the COVID-19 symptoms are present, the participant must be isolated from camp activities. At this point, the symptomatic participant must be tested for COVID-19 or return home immediately. If the test is positive, the individual must return home immediately. Staff will follow the same protocols and COVID-19 response for participants and will support your group in any way possible to adhere to the guidelines.

WHAT ARE YOUR PROCEDURES FOR PARTICIPANT MAIL AND OUTSIDE PACKAGES?

Participant mail and outside packages will be handled by masked staff members and passed out according to normal camp procedures. Keep in mind that USPS has been experiencing delays, and campus mail systems could slow things down by an additional day. Consider asking parents to send all participant mail with an adult leader in advance.

WHAT ABOUT VISITORS TO CAMP?

No visitors are allowed on campus this summer.

WHAT ADDITIONAL ITEMS SHOULD I ENCOURAGE THE GROUP TO PACK TO PROMOTE HEALTH AND SAFETY AT CAMP?

Every participant needs to bring multiple masks (consider bringing two for each day of camp), hand sanitizer, and hand soap for their bathroom. Some may choose to also bring additional cleaning supplies (wipes, disinfectant spray) to wipe down their dorm rooms during the week.

WILL COMMUNITY BATHROOMS BE UTILIZED?

Some campuses will continue to utilize community bathrooms. We cannot provide your exact housing placement and bathroom situation until 3-5 days before camp. The campus will be doing regular cleaning of any shared communal areas, but if you would like supplemental cleaning in these areas, you will want to bring your own cleaning supplies.



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SHOULD I BRING EXTRA LEADERS THIS YEAR?

While not required, extra leaders could be a big help to you. Keep in mind that IF a student needs to get tested for COVID-19 and is positive, the adult leader who took them to get medical attention would be considered a close contact and must return home as well.

WHY ARE FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED?

The health and safety of all participants, staff, and location staff is our priority. Wearing face coverings protects everyone. Face coverings will keep as many participants and staff well and able to enjoy camp for the full week. We can only continue to host camps for the full summer with a healthy staff. It will take efforts from all parties at camp to make that happen!

I WASN'T AROUND A COVID-POSITIVE PERSON, BUT I WAS AROUND SOMEONE WHO WAS A "CLOSE CONTACT" TO A POSITIVE CASE. SINCE I AM A SECONDARY EXPOSURE, DO I HAVE TO QUARANTINE TOO?

No. Only participants who were in close contact (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with a confirmed COVID-19 positive individual will be required to quarantine. We do not consider secondary exposure problematic.



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LIFEWAY CAMPS COVID-19 TASK FORCE

With over 150 years of cumulative camp experience, this team has used their expertise to create the 2021 Lifeway Camps COVID-19 Guide.



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2021 STUDENT LIFE CAMP HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE

Participant: Give this form to your Group Leader before leaving for camp.

Group Leaders: Turn these in to Camp Staff upon arrival at camp.

Church Name, City, & State: _____

Camp Location: _____ Camp Dates: _____

Participant Name: _____ Birthdate: ____ / ____ / ____

The answers below should reflect the health of the participant within 24 hours prior to leaving for camp.

Check the appropriate box for each section below.	YES	NO
Within the past 14 days, has the Participant been in close physical contact (6 feet or closer for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or anyone who has symptoms consistent with COVID-19?		
Have the Participant or any household members experienced any of the following symptoms in the last 14 days? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever (of 100.4 or greater) or chills • Cough • Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing • Fatigue • Muscle or body aches • Headache • New loss of taste or smell • Sore throat • Congestion or runny nose • Nausea or vomiting • Diarrhea 		
Are you currently waiting on the results of a COVID-19 test?		

If an answer to any question on the Health Questionnaire is “yes,” the participant **must stay home.**

For more information about what camp looks like, reference the 2021 Student Life Camp COVID-19 Guide on our website.

Complete and sign below.

(Consent by a parent or guardian is required for those participants under the age of majority, which varies by state. For example, in Alabama and Nebraska, consent is required for those under 19 years of age.)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____