



Summer Camp Protocols 2021

Welcome to Hope Summer Camp! Due to safety guidelines established by the Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control to reduce the spread of COVID-19, Hope Summer Camp campers and staff must follow specific safety protocols this year. We anticipate these guidelines could change slightly over the summer as new information is discovered. **Please read through these protocols carefully so you know what to expect.**

Health Screening and Drop-off Procedures Ring the doorbell to alert a staff member to screen in your child. Children may have no more than one adult walking up to camp. Please allow six feet of social distancing between you and the adult/child in front of you as you arrive and sign in. Adults must wear face coverings. Campers arriving after 9:00 AM may have to wait briefly for a staff person to assist with screening protocols.

Upon arrival, campers will first have their temperature taken with an infrared thermometer. *Any student with a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher will need to return home.* Hope staff will record that a temperature was taken but not record the temperature.

If campers pass the temperature check, according to the Department of Health, each must be checked for signs of illness each day. Staff and campers with any illness must stay home. Parents or guardians will be asked the following questions at drop-off:

1. Does your child have any of the following symptoms:
 - A cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - A fever of 100.4°F or higher or a sense of having a fever
 - A sore throat
 - Chills
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
 - Congestion/running nose – not related to seasonal allergies
 - Unusual fatigue
2. Does anyone in your household have any of the above symptoms?
3. Has your student been in close contact with anyone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19?
4. Has your student had any medication to reduce a fever before coming to school?

According to the Department of Health, campers must be excluded from summer camp if the answer to any of the above questions is “yes”. If all the answers are “no”, parent or guardians will use hand sanitizer (provided if needed) and select a pen from the “clean” dispenser, sign in their camper, initial the symptoms checklist to signify “no” to the symptoms questions, and drop off pen in the “used” dispenser. Staff will then guide each camper to enter the building and go to their class.

Items from Home To minimize potential exposure to COVID-19, campers should limit items from home as much as possible. *Students must apply sunscreen prior to arrival at camp*, and must bring personal sunscreen to camp or leave it in their cubby. Other items needed should be limited to a change of clothes (required), a lunch (required), a jacket, and *one* small personal item.

Classroom Procedures During the day, classrooms will have specific protocols to follow. These include:

- Students are required to wash hands or use hand sanitizer at multiple points throughout the day (*upon arrival to summer camp*, before and after going outside, before and after eating, after using the restroom at a minimum).
- Class sizes are limited to nine students and one adult per class. Classes will remain together throughout the day including recess times. Different groups of campers will not be combined.
- One or two adults will give the teacher breaks and those adults will wear face coverings, and will wash hands or use hand sanitizer upon arrival and departure of each class.
- Students will be encouraged and reminded to allow six feet of social distancing.
- Students will be provided with their own art and sensory materials.
- Windows will be open to allow for fresh air in classrooms.
- Campers will eat snacks and lunches while socially distanced, and tables will be cleaned and sanitized before and after eating.
- Classes will not share common bathroom spaces; each class will have a separate bathroom.

Pick-up Procedures At pick-up, parents/guardians should ring the doorbell to signify arrival. Staff will then direct camper to finish their day and go to the door. Parents/guardians who arrive prior to 3:00 PM may have to wait briefly for staff assistance.

Protocol for Potential COVID-19 Symptoms at Camp If a student displays any symptoms listed earlier, that person will be immediately separated from the group with supervision at a distance of at least six feet. A parent or guardian will be called immediately to pick up the camper. The camper should wear a face covering if tolerated until departure. The area will then be aired out and disinfected.

Parents/guardians of a camper with potential symptoms should follow Department of Health guidelines. Family must let Hope summer camp director Christina Figgins know if the camper or other household members are diagnosed with COVID-19. If a camper or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, all members of the infected camper's class are considered a close contact and should self-quarantine for 14 days. Families will not be reimbursed tuition for current week's tuition during potential exposure but are eligible to receive following weeks' tuition reimbursed less the registration fee (\$30 one-time fee) and processing fees (\$20 per week).

Returning to Hope after Potential or Diagnosed COVID-19 Staff and students who had signs of suspected or confirmed COVID-19 can return to camp when:

- At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery – defined as no fever without the use of medications and improvement in respiratory signs like cough and shortness of breath; AND
- At least 10 days have passed since signs first showed up

Cleaning and Disinfecting Procedures Hope Summer Camp will clean and disinfect tables, toys, and other surfaces multiple times per day. High traffic surfaces such as door handles and handrails will be disinfected multiple times per day. High traffic areas outside will also be disinfected using a hydrogen peroxide and alcohol spray after each class visits the playground. Classrooms will be thoroughly disinfected at the end of each day.