



## **DC Summer Programs COVID-19 FAQ**

Thank you for considering DC Summer Programs for your family this summer. It is our goal to create an environment at camp that puts the health and safety of our campers, families and staff members at the forefront while providing an exceptional experience overall. Last summer we were blessed with success in this area. During 6 full weeks of camp, we recorded 0 cases of COVID-19 within our camp community! This summer we are committed to following best practice guidelines from the State and Federal level, as well as, collaboratively working with other camp programs and organizations to preserve the camp experience. Below are the answers to some commonly asked questions so far this season. This is a fluid document and will be revised throughout the spring months based on the most up to date information available to us. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to email us at [summer@dccs.org](mailto:summer@dccs.org) or call 484-654-2425.

### ***Will campers and staff be wearing masks?***

Currently, the wearing of a face covering (mask) is mandated by the state of Pennsylvania when outside of your home where physical distancing can not be maintained and persons are interacting with individuals outside of their household. As such, if camp started today, masks would be required at most times throughout the day. It is likely however that mask requirements and recommendations will change between now and the summer or concessions will be made due to heat and activity level. We do also anticipate guidelines specific to camps will provide clarity. There is a scenario where masks will be required at most times throughout the day. There is also the possibility that masks may be required while inside, but not outside when campers are observing other interventions such as the cohorting of groups.

### ***How will you be grouping campers and will there be physical distancing?***

We do anticipate the use of cohort camper groups again this summer. This is best practice to assist in contact tracing if there were to be an instance of COVID-19 within the camp community. A camper cohort group will consist of 7-10 campers with 1 counselor. Within the cohort group, campers interact with normalcy around one another. Physical distancing will occur when feasible. These cohort groups will remain distanced from other groups throughout the day as they travel to their different activities. This does not mean campers in separate cohorts will never see each other. We have amended our schedule and worked hard to incorporate activities where multiple cohort groups may participate while still maintaining distance.

***Will you be performing daily health screens?***

Yes, the following daily precautions will be taken when campers arrive.

1. Hand sanitizing stations will be present at all points of entry to camp each day.
2. Parents will conduct an assessment of their child to identify any symptoms or measured fevers present on a daily basis before campers are admitted. More specific instructions will be provided in the camper welcome email the week prior to the first week of camp.

***What if a camper or staff member develops an illness or fever while at camp?***

More care will be taken in training counseling staff to identify campers showing signs of illness and having them visit the nurses station. If a child or a staff member is found to have a fever or is showing symptoms consistent with COVID-19, they will be moved to a different location on camp with a member of our nursing staff. Parents will be contacted to pick-up their child and will be given further instruction on follow-up steps as needed at the discretion of our nursing staff.

***How will you be handling lunch and snacks?***

Lunch will be eaten as a cohort group either outside or in that cohort's headquarters. Parents should plan to pack a snack for their child every day in addition to lunch. We will have pre-packaged snacks on campus in case families forget from time to time. Traditionally we have provided snacks, so this will be a change for returning families. In accordance with mitigation guidelines, it is best practice for all food eaten by a camper to have come from their home.

***What will the protocols be for sanitizing spaces and equipment?***

We have developed a daily cleaning schedule for commonly used spaces and equipment. Additional staff have been hired specifically for cleaning purposes. Only equipment that is easily sanitized will be used during activities. Buckets for clean and used equipment will be present at all activity stations to make it easier to renew that space for the next group.

***How do you plan on using your aquatic facilities?***

The use of our pool is an important part of the camp program and can be done safely. One group of campers will use the pool at one time and transition time between groups will allow for the cleaning of surfaces. Social distancing will be maintained to the extent possible.

***What about the Field Trips?***

Field trips will be available this year to our Experience Day Camp (ages 11-13). As this is a smaller group of campers with fewer cohorts, it is possible to provide busing in a manner that is consistent with state guidelines. Field trips will be taken only to locations that are outdoors and distancing from other groups is possible. We will be working heavily with other camps in the area to provide experiences we do not offer on our campus.

***Will you be requiring a quarantine period following out of state travel?***

Yes, in some form. It is difficult to predict what recommendations will be in place months, weeks and even days from now, but we do encourage families to plan ahead as they look toward their summer in their scheduling of family vacations and time spent at camp. Our recommendation

as of now is that you refrain from registering for camp for the week after a family vacation. We will continue to provide updates on this subject as the summer moves closer and will work with families to help with scheduling.

The full version of [DC Summer Programs Policies and Procedures in Response to COVID-19](#) and our [daily camper health assessment](#) can be accessed in the [Health and Safety](#) section of our web page.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any further questions by email at [summer@dccs.org](mailto:summer@dccs.org) or phone at 484-654-2425.

See ya this summer!

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