

# Summer at Solebury 2021 Safety Protocols

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Our number one priority with all our programs at Solebury School is the health and safety of our entire community. With that in mind, our summer camp programs will be guided by recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC, and the Bucks County Health Department, as well as the established [procedures and protocols already in place for our academic year](#). As recommendations evolve, we will adapt our procedures to be in compliance. Our main focus this summer is creating and sustaining an environment that mitigates COVID infection while providing fun and engaging activities for our campers.

As is true with any form of illness, it is impossible to totally eliminate the risk of infection. Our goal is to implement a multi-pronged strategy to reduce the likelihood of transmission of the virus. The most important aspect of that strategy is a shared responsibility throughout our community to learn, accept, and practice our Health, Safety, and Wellness plan—we are all in this together.

## WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US

Solebury School is committed to offering a robust summer community with safety and wellness in mind. You'll see:

- Reduced camp group numbers to ensure adequate spacing while indoors
- Reduced gatherings at the pool during swim club time
- Lots of time outdoors
- Modified lunch and snack location & distribution for our camps
- Knowledgeable staff who have training in our health and safety protocols
- Daily staff and camper screening
- Handwashing stations available around campus
- Increased frequency of sanitizing high-traffic areas
- Increased ventilation with better air circulation systems installed
- Increased nursing staff with a dedicated quarantining space

## POLICIES & PROCEDURES FOR SUMMER 2021

As we have all learned this past year, patience and flexibility are key as situations and requirements can change quickly. We appreciate your understanding as we navigate this summer.

**Masks:** masks are required at all times, with the exception of when in the pool and while eating. This is a requirement for all people on campus. [Please click here to review what is considered an appropriate mask](#). Bandanas and gators are not a permissible substitution for masks. Face shields are allowed, but a mask must also be worn with a face shield. Those who continually forget masks and/or wear them improperly will be asked to leave campus and not allowed to return.

**Masks at the pool:** Per the Governor's orders, masks are required by all non-bathers in the pool area. Campers will wear masks until they enter the pool and must put masks on when they exit the pool. During lessons, all instructors in the pool will wear a face shield. Masks are not permitted to be worn in the pool as they create a safety hazard. Per the Bucks County Department of Health and the CDC, lifeguards on the deck are not permitted to wear masks or face shields.

**Social distancing:** per current CDC guidelines, it is recommended to maintain 3 feet of distance with masks on. We will enforce this policy, especially when we are indoors. We recognize for the younger campers, maintaining social distance is oftentimes impossible, so we will structure the day accordingly to mitigate exposure to multiple staffers. One way to help with social distancing is to send all Day Campers to camp with their bathing suits on as this will lessen the foot traffic in the bathrooms. Day Camp groups will not commingle with each other.

**StarCatchers:** The theater camp will take place primarily outside in a large tent immediately adjacent to the Athletic Center. This is where most rehearsals and all performances will take place, allowing campers and staff to maintain distance at all times.

**Sanitation:** multiple hand-washing stations are set up around camp for all to use. Campers are also encouraged to bring in their own hand sanitizer, though it will also be provided. The cleaning staff has also increased the frequency of cleaning high-traffic areas and teachers will sanitize their spaces before each group enters. The pool furniture will be frequently sanitized.

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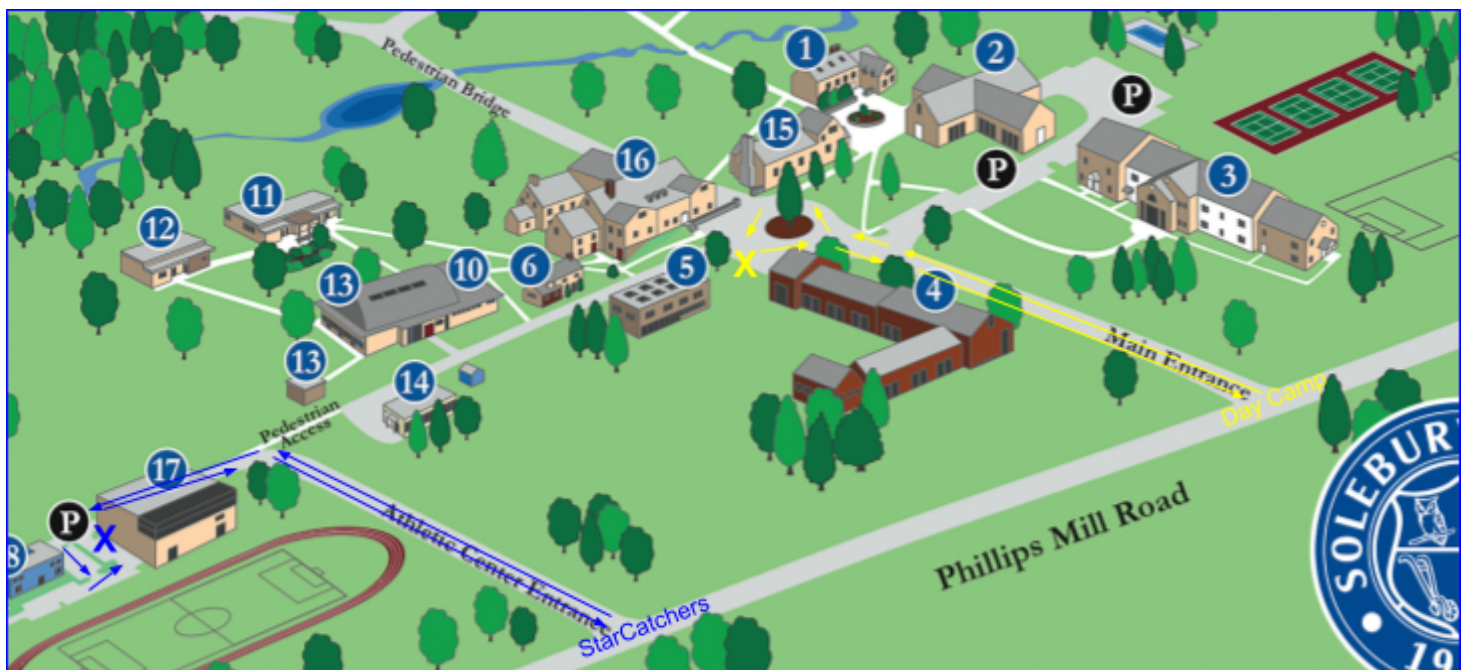
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**Daily Screening:** Each camper, staff member, and pool member will be required to complete a daily screening before arriving on campus. For Day Camp and StarCatchers, forms **MUST** be completed by 8:30 a.m. Upon arrival, if the camper's form is not completed, they will not be able to join the group. Daily screening forms are on the School Docs site, our registration portal. **If a camper or pool member is not feeling well, please stay home.** Please familiarize yourself with the screening process before camp starts.

**Lunch/Snacks:** For campers, lunches will be provided by the camp as a pre-packaged meal. Campers may also bring their lunch from home if they wish. Campers will eat at designated outdoor locations that allow for social distancing and their meals will be brought to them. In case of inclement weather, each group has been assigned an indoor classroom that allows for 6 feet of distancing. As always, food and drinks are prohibited inside the pool deck.

**Water bottles for campers:** We are asking all campers to bring a reusable water bottle. There are hydration stations around campus (many of them hands-free) for campers to refill their water. Bringing in their own water bottles will lessen foot traffic in the dining hall and reduce congregation at water fountains.

**Drop Off/Pick Up:** Camp drop off will be between 8:45-9 a.m. for both Day Camp and StarCatchers. Please do not drop off your child before 8:45 a.m. We are asking drivers to stay inside their cars.



## Day Camp

**Drop Off**→ Drivers are to pull into the main campus drive and proceed to go around the circle. Staff will be there to usher each camper to their group. As soon as you drop off, please exit out of the circle to allow for others to drop off.

**Pick Up**→ The circle will be blocked off until 3pm to allow all campers to get to their allocated outdoor group spot for afternoon snack. At 3pm, the cone will be removed and drivers can enter the circle where they will hold up a sign with their kids name. Staff will get the campers and usher them to the car. Once you receive your kids, please exit out of the circle to allow for others to pick up.

## StarCatchers

**Drop Off & Pick Up**→ Drivers are to pull into the Athletics entrance and proceed to the back entrance of the gym where staff will usher each camper to and from the car.

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If a parent/guardian will be arriving outside of the designated drop off/pick up times, they will need to contact the camp director via phone (215-862-5261) and wait at the designated spots until a staff member arrives. For Day Camp, please use the visitor parking spots adjacent to the main drive. For StarCatchers, please use the regular drop off/pick up spot.

**Personal Items:** No toys, stuffed animals, or other “comfort items” (i.e. blankets) will be allowed at camp. All other personal items should be taken home daily and washed after camp daily.

## COVID-19 Specific Policies

- **If a camper, staff member, or household member of a camper/staffer tests positive:** they will need to quarantine and follow the guidelines established by the Department of Health and Solebury School before returning
- **If a positive case by a camper or staff member is reported to the Nurse:** a communication will go out from the Nurses' Office via email to all families currently at camp. Additional information will be sent to any close contacts identified during contact tracing.
- **If a camper presents with symptoms while at camp:** they will be quarantined in the Nurses' Office until a parent can pick them up and will be sent home with instructions on how to return to camp safely
- **If the entire camp must be closed for an extended duration:** we will credit all missed days minus the deposit. Please know that we are doing everything in our control to prevent this from happening.

**Testing:** At this point, the nursing staff does not see the need for additional testing. If there is a significant spike in positive cases in Bucks County, we may require pool members and campers to participate in COVID diagnostic testing deemed necessary by our Health office. All will be given adequate advance notice before any testing is performed.

This is by no means an exhaustive list of scenarios, but we want to give you a guideline of what to expect. In all cases where we ask individual campers or pool members to leave campus for any duration due to COVID-19, we will prorate the full days missed and credit it to the camper's account for next year. If the camper is a CIT and does not have younger siblings attending camp, the prorated amount will be refunded for full days missed. Days missed because the Daily Screening is not completed, they are asked to leave due to mask non-compliance, or for non-Covid related reasons will NOT be credited.

One final note, regulations change very quickly. We view this as a living document that will be updated to reflect the current recommendations provided by the CDC and Bucks County Department of Health. We will notify you of any such changes as they are made. Thank you for being part of our community this summer and entrusting us with your children!