

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
- 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.

Face coverings: face coverings are optional for both campers and staff while outdoors, and required for all indoors at all times, with the exception of while eating inside. Face shields are allowed, but a face covering must also be worn with a face shield. Those who continually forget face coverings and/or wear them improperly will be asked to leave campus and not allowed to return.

Social distancing: per current CDC guidelines, it is recommended to maintain 3 feet of distance with face coverings 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. As will always be the case, campers have the option to wear a face covering outside, including while performing. face coverings will also be optional for attendees at the performances.

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.

Daily Screening: We are no longer requiring daily screenings for campers, staff or swim club members, but do ask that **if a camper or pool member is not feeling well, please stay home.**

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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. As the StarCatchers camp is small enough to eat in the Dining Hall while maintaining 6 feet of distancing, that is an option that is being explored.

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: We are going back to the original way of doing drop off/pick up for Day Camp and StarCatchers. The only caveat is that all staff, parents and campers must wear a face covering during this time. Once parents leave and campers go to their activities, face coverings will be optional outside.

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 campers are asked to leave due to face covering 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!