

2021 METRO PARKS SUMMER CAMP COVID-19 GUIDELINES

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To our Metro Parks Summer Camps Families,

Please review the following information to help us keep our camp program running safely during this time.

Covid-19 Monitoring

- CDC symptom list: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
- Please remember all individuals are responsible for monitoring and checking for any of the above symptoms daily.
- All campers and staff should be free of symptoms before arriving at camp.
- If your camper doesn't feel well, do not bring them to camp.
- Counselors will check each camper's temperature every morning at check in.
- Campers exhibiting any symptoms will be sent home and will not be allowed to return to camp until submitting a doctor's note or negative test result to the Camp Administrative team.

Covid-19 Reporting

- Please notify our Camp Administrative team of any positive cases by calling 614-508-8008 and leaving a message with your camper's name, camp location(s) and date of positive test result. This number is monitored daily, including weekends.
- In the event of a camper or member of a camper's household testing positive, the camper will not be permitted to return to camp until a negative test result or doctor's notice is provided.
- The Camp Administrative team will follow-up accordingly with the campers or staff involved, and notifications of a positive case will be sent out to all families in the affected camp. A second email will be sent to the families in the specific pod affected.

Camper Pods

- Campers will be kept in small groups (pods) of no more than 9 campers with one counselor for the week of camp.
- Campers from the same family will be kept together in a pod regardless of age.
- Picnic tables will be designated for each pod - only one pod per week will use their assigned tables.
- Counselors will be required to implement mandatory hand-washing and distribute hand sanitizer frequently.
- Common areas will be cleaned and disinfected during closing each day and after lunch and snacks. Campers will be involved with cleaning individual group craft supplies and safe, sanitation practices will be taught and reinforced.

Masks

- Counselors will wear masks at all times when around other counselors or campers.
- Every camper is required to bring a mask or face covering with them to camp each day.
- All counselors, campers and family members are required to wear a mask during check in and check out.
- Campers will wear masks when in a vehicle, indoors or when social distancing is not possible outdoors.
- Campers will not be required to wear masks when outdoors in a large area where appropriate social distancing is possible or when participating in physically demanding outdoor activities (kayaking, running, etc).

Check-in/Check-out

- Families will be required to wait in a line of cars for check in - please do not get out of your vehicle unless a counselor directs you to do so.
- Counselors will check the temperature of each camper before the camper is allowed out of the vehicle.
- If the camper has symptoms and/or a fever of or above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, the camper will be sent home.
- Once the check in process is complete, a counselor will escort your child from the vehicle to their group's designated area for the week - family members will not need to get out of the vehicle.
- For pickup, vehicles will form a line and counselors will escort campers back to their cars.
- All personal belongings must be packed into a plastic tub or tote labeled with the camper's name each day. If you do not have access to a tub or tote, please contact a member of our Camp Administrative Staff no later than the Thursday prior to the start of your camp. These can be left at camp for the duration of the week if preferred.
- Please send a book, coloring pages, or other non-electronic individual activity for your camper to use during extended down periods as a result of increased sanitation practices and wait times between pods for activities.

Thank you for your kind cooperation with our policies and procedures for the safety of our camp community. We're looking forward to seeing your campers at camp!

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