

Opening Summer Camp 2021  
Dealing with COVID-19

## **Objective**

To share the summer camp experience on-site with as many campers as possible while maintaining additional protocols to reduce the possibility of COVID-19 being spread at camp.

## **Stipulations**

- We will always comply with guidelines from federal, state, and local health departments.
- We will maintain stringent cleaning protocols for all camp housing, equipment, and common spaces.
- We will continually monitor the health of all staff and campers throughout the camp programs with temperature and symptom checks at the beginning of each camp session and throughout their time at Bethel Horizons.
- We know that the information surrounding COVID-19 continues to change and evolve. As such, this document is a living document. As new information becomes available, these policies and protocols will be updated to reflect current information.

**Let us be clear – there is no way to completely eliminate the risk. Camp is using the “swiss cheese” philosophy to lower the risk of spreading COVID-19, using multiple strategies such as masks, distancing and cohorting.**

## **Key Protocols**

- We are following the suggested guidelines based on information from the American Camp Association as well as national, state, and local health agencies.
- We will use a multilayered Non-Pharmaceutical Intervention (NPI) protocol to lower the possibility of transmission of COVID-19 to our campers, staff, and guests.
- We will require a negative PCR test taken 5-7 days before arriving at Bethel Horizons (based on information found in the American Camp Association COVID 19 Field Guide). This test can come from the campers Primary Care Provider or one of the many free COVID-19 testing sites offered in the State of WI. For more information go to <https://www.publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus/testing>.
- Small group cohorts of 10 to 16 campers and all efforts to maintain physical distance from other cohorts on campus, limiting contact between groups.
- Wearing of face coverings by campers and staff when in public indoor spaces and when singing at campfires.
- Enhanced health screenings of all campers.

- Cleaning and disinfecting of common areas, high touch areas, and shared camp equipment before and after use.
- Each session will be limited to 60 campers.

## **Masks and Face Covering**

- Masks (also referred to as face coverings) are one of the best non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPI) available to reduce the spread of COVID-19, particularly when used universally within a community.
- A face covering is defined as: a piece of cloth or other material that is worn to cover the nose and mouth completely. Cloth face coverings must be made with two or more layers of breathable fabric that is tightly woven (i.e., fabrics that do not let light pass through when held up to a light source). A face covering does not include bandanas, single layer neck gaiters, face shields, goggles, scarves, ski masks, balaclavas, shirt or sweater collars pulled up over the mouth and nose, or masks with slits, exhalation valves, or punctures.
- Masks should be worn universally by staff and campers when in public indoor spaces and when singing at campfires. According to the CDC, masks are meant to protect other people in case the wearer is unknowingly infected but does not have symptoms. Their use is most essential in times when physical distancing is difficult.
- Campers should bring appropriate reusable masks for their personal use to camp. Campers should wear one mask and have 2 to 3 in a sealed plastic bag handy in case the first becomes wet or otherwise soiled during the day. Camp will have appropriate masks if campers need an additional mask.
- Masks should be identified by the camper's name or initials inside and should not be shared with anyone else.
- Ensure that masks completely cover the nose and mouth of all campers and staff and that masks fit snugly and don't have gaps.

## **Small Group Life**

- Small group cohorts will be treated like households, where campers will be able to mingle within their small group, but will continue to physically distance from other small group cohorts.
- Position sleepers head-to-toe or toe-to-toe to maximize the distance between heads/faces:—For bunk beds, position the head of the camper in the top bunk opposite the position of the camper in the bottom bunk. For side-by-side beds, position the head of the camper in one bed opposite the position of the camper in the adjacent bunk.
- Daily cleaning will include disinfecting beds, doorknobs, light switches, and other commonly touched areas supervised by staff.

## **Meals**

- All campers will be directed to wash or sanitize their hands before meals.
- When eating indoors, windows will be left open for campers and staff to help maintain ventilation.
- We will limit contact with food to the kitchen staff.

## **Health Care**

- Temperature checks will be conducted regularly throughout each session.
- If a camper or staff is found to be symptomatic, including a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, they will be quarantined and evaluated for further sickness. The person's temperature will be retaken after 30 minutes. If a fever or other symptoms are still present the campers' guardians will be called and pick up arrangements will be made as soon as possible.
- Quarantine and Isolation rooms will be available and separated from the Health Care Office, which will be located in the BRC guest room or an empty cabin.
- If a camper or staff in your camper's small group is suspected to have COVID-19 symptoms and is sent home, guardians will be notified. The remaining campers will move to a different sleeping area that has been cleaned and disinfected.

## **Activity Areas**

- All small groups will wash their hands before arriving at each activity area. If another group is still using the activity area, groups will wait to an appropriate distance.
- Equipment will be cleaned and disinfected by staff between each group. When possible, program equipment will be disinfected between each use.
- Staff will be given an individual bin of program supplies for their small group only.
- Supplies should be cleaned and disinfected after each session of campers.

## **Check-In**

### Dropping off at Bethel Lutheran Church - 312 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison, WI 53703

- Your camper will be given a check in time of 2pm or 2:30pm to reduce congestion at check-in.
- To reduce the number of people at check-in, we ask that one parent/guardian drop their camper off.
- We ask campers to stay in the car with their parent/guardian. A Bethel Horizons screener will come to your car and talk you through the screening process, including any documentation we need from the camper.
- If the camper successfully passes the screening process, the screener will ask for any medication, canteen money or other items for that camper and collect these at this time, making sure that the medications are in individual containers and labeled correctly with the prescription information from the doctor.

- If there are any questions, Bethel Horizons will have a staff or volunteer present to answer these questions.
- Then the screener or other staff or volunteer will help the camper bring their luggage to the appropriate location and will be allowed to enter the bus wearing their face covering.
- The bus will depart for camp at 3:00pm or when all campers who are present are checked in.
- When the bus arrives at camp, all campers are introduced to their counselor and will go for a wellness check at the Health Center.

#### Dropping off at Bethel Horizons 4651 County Road ZZ, Dodgeville WI 53533

- We ask that all campers being dropped off at camp are dropped off at 3:30pm in the Bethel Horizons main parking lot.
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- If the camper successfully passes the screening process, the screener will ask for any medication, canteen money or other items for that camper and collect these at this time, making sure that the medications are in individual containers and labeled correctly with the prescription information from the doctor.
- If there are any questions, Bethel Horizons will have a staff or volunteer present to answer these questions.
- Then the screener or other staff or volunteer will help the camper bring their luggage to the appropriate location and then the parent/guardian would escort the camper down to the health center for a wellness check.
- After the wellness check, the camper would be introduced to their counselors and their group. Parents/Guardians would say their goodbyes after the wellness check. Unfortunately, tours of camp will not be allowed this year due to COVID-19 concerns.

#### **Check-out**

##### Picking up at Bethel Lutheran Church - 312 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison, WI 53703

- The bus is scheduled to arrive at around 1:15pm. If there is a delay, camp will inform parents/guardians through text or email.
- Families will check out while staying in their car, sign out their campers, and then will have campers brought to the vehicle along with their personal belongings.
- Bethel Horizons staff or volunteers will be available to help campers with their belongings.
- Families are encouraged to self-distance after leaving camp especially from friends and family who are at a higher risk of COVID-19.
- Please contact camp if your camper is symptomatic after leaving camp.
- If your camper shows any symptoms or tests positive for COVID 19 within 14 days of their return from camp, we request that you let camp know.

### Picking up at Bethel Horizons - 4651 County Road ZZ, Dodgeville WI 53533

- We ask families to arrive at 11:30am for check out in the main parking lot at Bethel Horizons.
- Families will check out while staying in their car, sign out their campers, and then will have campers brought to the vehicle along with their personal belongings.
- Bethel Horizons staff or volunteers will be available to help campers with their belongings.
- Families are encouraged to self-distance after leaving camp especially from friends and family that are at a higher risk of COVID-19.
- Please contact camp if your camper is symptomatic after leaving camp.
- This summer, we are restricting visitors to the site during camp sessions and will not be able to accommodate campers being picked up in the middle of a session and dropped back off at camp again.
- If your camper shows any symptoms or tests positive for COVID 19 within 14 days of their return from camp, we request that you let camp know.

### **Cleaning and Disinfecting**

- Recommended methods for typical cleaning procedures include two-stage cleaning and disinfecting. “Cleaning” entails washing with a detergent and water to remove soil, organic matter, and some microorganisms from the surface. Following a detergent and water wash, “Disinfecting” entails the use of a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-approved disinfectant that must be applied following product manufacturer guidelines.
- Communal Spaces - Cleaning and disinfecting communal spaces will take place at least daily, and when possible cleaning and disinfecting of communal spaces between groups.
- Frequently Touched Surfaces - Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces and common spaces at least daily and when possible cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces and common spaces multiple times daily.
- Toilets, Showers, Restrooms - As with other frequently touched surfaces, toilets, showers, and restrooms are cleaned and disinfected daily and when possible more than once per day.
- Group Leaders will carry disinfectant with them to be used before and after their group uses a camp area or equipment. Example: disinfecting a picnic table before sitting for craft time, disinfecting equipment before starting a game.

## **Policy & Procedure for Suspected COVID-19 Symptoms and/or Positive COVID Test**

Should a camper or staff member begin to exhibit COVID-19 symptoms, they will be immediately removed from their cohort, to allow for evaluation. If determined necessary, the participant will be isolated.

- When someone gets sick, the following steps will be taken:
  1. Individual with covid symptoms will be immediately separated from cohorts
  2. Individual will be cared for following CDC guidance for caring for yourself or others who are sick (In quarantined Nurse Station room or back-up option Guest Bedroom of Barn Retreat Center)
  3. If necessary, transport the sick individual(s) to a healthcare facility, depending on how severe their symptoms are (If calling an ambulance or bringing someone to the hospital, try to call first to alert them that the person may have COVID-19)
  4. Close off areas used by a sick person and do not use these areas until after cleaning and disinfecting them (for outdoor areas, this includes surfaces or shared objects in the area, if applicable).
- If COVID symptoms are confirmed (which will be up to the discretion of the Camp Health Supervisor in consultation with our consulting physician and Upland Hills Health Hospital and Clinics - see Health Care section above):
  - Due to the short duration of the session, the campers' parents or guardians will be notified to pick up their child as soon as possible.
  - Camp will get camper tested for COVID at Upland Hills Health Hospitals and Clinics in Dodgeville. When transporting to the hospital for testing, staff will be in front with the symptomatic camper in the back with all wearing masks.
  - If a positive test result for COVID is returned, Bethel Horizons will work with the Iowa County Health Department to complete contact tracing and additional tests as warranted.
  - With confirmation of a positive test, parents of that camper will be notified.
  - While maintaining confidentiality, Camp will notify the parents of the affected participants and the steps that Camp has taken.