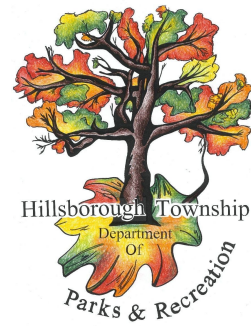




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Hillsborough Parks & Recreation COVID-19 Youth Summer Camp Standards

Hillsborough Parks & Recreation 2020 Summer camp will without a doubt look different then it has in past years, though we are still confident in the overall program that will be offered. First and foremost, the overall safety and health of our campers, staff and families is our number one priority and these new policy implementations should accomplish just that. Through this long process we have been taking in the necessary summer camp requirements and guidelines from parties such as both Local & State Health Department Officials, Local Emergency Management, the American Camp Association, New Jersey Parks & Recreation Association as well as the CDC.

Since COVID-19 began rules and regulations have been changing on a daily basis and we anticipate that will continue to be the case throughout the summer. Parents/guardians will be informed immediately will any required changes are deemed necessary.

Below are updated improvements and precautions that will be implemented for this summer's camp program. If you have any additional questions, please email recreation@hillsborough-nj.org.

1. Camp Arrival/Departure/Screening

Camper arrivals & departures will operate a “car side service” this summer. Meaning a designated drive up location at camp will be made available for parents/guardians to drop off/pickup campers. Parents/guardians will not exit their vehicles or be permitted within the facility.

Upon arrival, campers and staff will have their temperature taken which must be under 100.2 in order to attend camp for the day.

Parents & guardians: If your child(ren) shows any symptoms of COVID-19 please do not have your child attend camp. Such symptoms include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

2. Face masks, infection control & social distancing strategies

Staff shall require campers, at minimum, wear face coverings when social distancing of 6 feet between individuals cannot be maintained, except where doing so would inhibit individuals health.

When are facemasks required?

1. Campers are required to bring a facemask to camp each day
2. Campers are required to wear a facemask during dropoff until screening is complete.
3. Campers are RECOMMENDED to wear facemasks inside.
4. Campers are not required to wear facemasks outside.
5. Staff shall require campers, at minimum, wear face coverings when social distancing of 6 feet between individuals cannot be maintained, except where doing so would inhibit individuals health.

Social Distancing: Can we social distance at camp 24/7?

That is our goal, though the reality is that expecting campers to stay six feet apart for the entire summer is an unrealistic request. We can mitigate risk through increased sanitization, handwashing, and enforcing something that we have been doing for years, which is respecting personal space. That will be critically important this year.

All youth camp programs shall implement the following prevention and mitigation strategies to slow and limit COVID-19 exposure and spread:

As we train and educate the 2020 staff COVID-19 safety measures, we ask that you educate your children on some of the bullet points below.

- Staying home when ill
- Proper hand hygiene
- Wearing face coverings
- Avoiding touching your face as much as possible
- Reporting illness and symptoms to the camp health director or other healthcare personnel at the camp immediately.
- Face coverings are encouraged to be worn by campers and are most essential in times when physical distancing is difficult to maintain. It is understood that face coverings may be challenging to campers (especially younger campers) to wear in all-day settings such as camp.
- Hand Wash station will be located outside and bathrooms will be utilized daily and more specifically in between groups moving from different areas of the facility.

3. Camp Grouping (Cohorts)

Unlike past summers where campers would have the option to select what activity and where in the facility they wanted to be, this year campers will be required to stay with their “cohort” or campers and staff throughout the entirety of the summer.

- “Cohorts” will consist of 10-12 campers and 2 staff members.
- These groups of campers will remain the same throughout the summer.
- Staff will vary as camp is open for 11 hours a day and staff typically work 5-6 hours a day.
- Family members will likely be grouped together.
- We are unable to take requests to be paired with certain individuals.

4. Sanitization Protocols

This is a very long and detailed answer. Just from a maintenance perspective, we will increase cleaning and disinfecting the bathrooms, lunch tables, activity areas, equipment, etc throughout the day.

- Each night after camp hours the facility will be fully sanitized.
- Specific areas of the facility will be sanitized in between groups coming and going.
- Lunch will take place in shifts if necessary and take place in areas of the school such as cafeteria and outdoor picnic areas.
- Campers will sit six feet apart during lunch.
- All areas being occupied for lunch will be sanitized immediately after.
- Equipment will be specific to each “cohort” meaning the same 10-12 campers will utilize the same equipment/games throughout the summer.

5. Personal Items

We recommend this summer to bring as few items from home as possible. If anything, a backpack with lunch, snack, water, sunscreen. Each camper will have a bin each morning where they can leave their items for the day. As campers leave for the day each bin will be sanitized prior to usage the following morning.

- We request this year that campers bring their own crayons, colored pencils, markers, glue sticks for this year to limit the cross use of items between campers.

6. Trips & Lunches

- Day trips that require busing will not be permitted this summer.
- Lunches for purchase will be offered 2-3 times per week.
- Ice Cream & Smoothies will be offered for purchase (Additional details coming to clarify when money is required in person opposed to online registration)

7. What if someone tests positive?

- Final protocol from local and state health officials are currently being finalized. We will be sharing this information with families as soon as possible.