

Keep COVID Outta Camp

Before Camp

- 14 days of strict social distancing (Strict social distancing means limiting exposure to non-family members, wearing a face mask around non-family members, avoiding large crowds/gatherings, and limiting unnecessary travel.)
- 7 days of temperature checks
- Health Screening Form

Daily During Camp

- Masks at all times when indoors
- Daily temperature checks
- Modified sleeping arrangements
- Frequent hand washing/sanitizing
- Isolation of any symptomatic individuals
- Professional medical staff at camp each week
- Activities in small cohorts
- Seating in worship and at meals as a bunkroom
- Increased cleaning/sanitization of all facilities

Individuals With Symptoms

- Any ill camper will immediately be isolated, evaluated and, if needed, arrangements made for them to return home.
- A COVID test of a sick camper may be requested by Camp Siloam for campers who are sent home.

Individuals determined to be COVID positive

- Any individual (camper or staff) who tests positive for COVID may result in the bunkroom being isolated and returned home. This decision will be determined by the camp Directors with involvement from church leaders and medical professionals.

Staff members exposed to a COVID positive individual but not showing symptoms.

- Monitoring by medical staff, possible isolation or return home.

Vaccinated Staff members

- If possible, staff members are encouraged to be vaccinated. For some critical roles, vaccination may be a requirement. (i.e. worship, drama, kitchen).

COVID-19 FAQ

Does our whole church have to go home if just one camper begins to have symptoms?

Camp Siloam will treat each ill camper on a case-by-case basis. In some instances, we will send an ill camper home because it is best for a sick camper to recover at home. Should a camper who has been sent home report a positive COVID test, then the information surrounding the positive camper will be assessed with the family, church leaders and the camp directors. A positive test of a camper who has been sent home could possibly require a church or bunkroom to return home.

How will Camp Siloam administer camp so the program is similar to the past and campers are protected from COVID-19?

Camp Siloam has worked to keep summer camp as “normal” as possible given the requirements of COVID safety. The main events of camp (worship, recreation, housing and meals) will all be a part of camp, but may look a little bit different. Campers will be with their bunkroom for indoor activities. They will join no more than 4 bunkrooms (66 campers) for outdoor activities. Campers must remain socially distanced from other bunkrooms. Depending on the size of camp that week, worship may be split into two services and meals may be split into two meal times. Bunk rooms will be configured according to ADH guidelines and bunkbeds may not be moved. Head placement on a bunk bed will be indicated on each bunkbed. Recreation, Color Wars, games and activities will be conducted outside in groups of 66 or less.

What must parents do prior to camp to decrease the chance of campers bringing COVID-19 to camp?

Families can help keep COVID-19 from attending camp with their camper. We are asking families to help campers hold to strict social distancing 14 days prior to the first day of camp. (Strict social distancing means limiting exposure to non-family members, wearing a face mask around non-family members, avoiding large crowds/gatherings, and limiting unnecessary travel.) Seven days prior to the first day of camp we ask that parents take and record their camper’s temperature on a Health Screening Form (provided by your group’s coordinator or you can download it by clicking [here](#)). Twenty four hours prior to departure please arrange for a health professional (nurse, doctor, first responder, EMT, or pharmacist) to screen your camper and complete the other side of the Health Screening Form. We need you to return the signed form to the group coordinator before departing for camp.

If you record that your camper has a temperature greater than 100.4 at any time during the 7 days prior to camp then we ask that you contact your doctor, group coordinator or Camp Siloam (479) 250-1865 to assess whether your camper needs further evaluation.

What do church leaders need to do to decrease the chance of campers bringing COVID-19 to camp?

Church leaders and group coordinators can help keep COVID from coming to camp by communicating with parents what is required and helping students understand why this is important. As much as we are trying to keep camp the same it may feel different to some campers. Please prepare them for this. While at camp we need help managing the safety rules we have put in place.

Will my camper be sent home if they are exposed to a COVID positive camper?

Camp Siloam will treat each ill camper on a case-by-case basis. In some instances, we may need to send an individual camper home. A positive test of a camper who has been sent home may require a bunkroom to return home.

If a camper reports being COVID positive after the camp week has ended, then we will inform all campers, counselors, parents and church leaders who participated in camp with the cohort.

What if there is a COVID positive case the week before?

Camp Siloam has a rigorous sanitization process that will be performed by the entire staff, under the supervision of our Directors, every Friday. Camp Siloam bunkhouses and facilities will sit for almost 70 hours prior to the next group coming. According to the CDC the virus cannot survive this long on hard surfaces.

If I'm vaccinated will I have to wear a mask at Camp Siloam?

At this time the CDC is recommending even those who have been vaccinated should continue to wear masks. It is uncertain if vaccinated individuals can transmit the virus. Wearing masks also helps encourage those who have not been vaccinated to continue wearing masks.

What if I or my camper has gotten the vaccine?

If your camper has received the vaccine they will still be required to comply with the COVID procedures in place at Camp Siloam. By participating together (even if you have the vaccine) it encourages those who have not received the vaccine to continue participating in minimizing the spread and overwhelming our healthcare system.

Can I visit my camper at Camp Siloam this summer?

Because our campers, counselors and staff have taken extra precautions to keep COVID out of camp, we are sorry, this year we cannot permit visitors (including parents) to Camp Siloam due to the risk of COVID transmission during a visit.

Can I come get my camper?

Campers may not come and go in order to participate in activities at home. Parents may always come get their camper. However, your camper may not return to camp. Please communicate your need to pick up your camper to the person coordinating camp for your group. He/she will deliver your camper and their belongings to the gatehouse at the entrance of camp. There will be a check-out procedure at the gatehouse. The check-out procedure will require your driver's license.

Can staff and counselors leave camp (off site trips, errands)?

Campers may not come and go in order to participate in activities at home. Camp Siloam discourages anyone leaving and returning to Camp Siloam during the camp week. However, we know there are exceptions. If counselors need to leave to run an errand or handle an emergency we ask that they hold fast to strict social distancing and COVID prevention protocols while away from camp.

Will Camp Siloam allow other guests?

Because our campers, counselors and staff have taken extra precautions to keep COVID out of camp, we are sorry, this year we cannot permit visitors to Camp Siloam due to the risk of COVID transmission during a visit. There will be no meal vouchers or guest passes permitted for any reason.

Can I deliver something to my camper in person?

If you need to deliver something your camper forgot you may drop it off at the gatehouse. Camp Siloam staff will ensure your camper gets the item they forgot.

Can I get a refund if my camper is sick?

Camp Siloam will consider refunds of individual campers on a case-by-case basis. Depending upon when the camper is declared ill, Camp Siloam may pro-rate a refund based upon the number of days the camper missed.

What is the Health Screen Form?

The Health Screen Form is a two-sided document. One side is for parents to document the health of their camper. The other side is for a medical professional to document the health of the camper within 24 hours of departure. One side of the Health Screen Form must be signed by a medical professional (nurse, doctor, EMT, first responder or pharmacist). Ideally a church leader should coordinate a volunteer medical professional to screen children as they get on the bus. However, families may seek their own medical professional. A signed Health Screen Form will be required for each camper at check-in.

How do I get my Health Screen Form signed by a medical professional?

It is recommended that the church coordinate with a congregation member (or a member of the community) to perform a health screen at departure time for all of the campers. If that is not possible, a parent may ask a medical professional to verify that the camper is healthy. A medical professional can be any of the following (nurse, doctor, EMT, first responder, pharmacist). It is Camp Siloam's intent that the screen be simple enough that parents should not have to incur additional costs to have the health screen performed.