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Stay Healthy & Safe Policies for COVID 19

Dear Participants,

As you know camps have been approved by our local and state officials to reopen but under certain guidelines. With the help of the CDC, the American Camp Association, and the Association of Camp Nurses we have put together procedures to help us successfully open our camp.

We are working to creatively adjust our operations to accommodate these new measures. We are instructing our staff and visitors to follow best practices for the COVID process at camp and at home starting 2 weeks before camp. With these adjustments come changes in the policies in how we operate and we ask your support in making the changes.

An example of the changes will include our arrival procedures, campers or families doing all activities within their small groups, our food service being changed to COVID correct cafeteria-style, masks will be worn as much as practical by everyone, more hand-washing/hand sanitizer stations in key areas. We will also be limiting the number of people interacting with each group.

The samples above are only a small portion of the FULL COVID SAFE & HEALTHY PRACTICE FOR CAMPERS AND GUESTS. See below for the full document. The implementation of the guidelines will be monitored here at camp by our Health Supervisor and/or assigned Staff Members.

Camps have always taken great care to develop and maintain medical practices to address a variety of communicable diseases, both common and rare. We hope you can feel confident in our preparedness.

Thank you for your continued support and belief in the good Camp Cavell can do! We are looking forward to an amazing season! If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call or email us at 810-359-2267 or email office@campcavell.org

Stay safe & well,

Jill Laidlaw
Executive Director



Welcome to Camp Cavell in 2020

Our #1 priority is the health and safety of our participants & staff!

Camp Cavell is accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA), so Camp Cavell follows their policies and guidelines for "Safe Camp Operations During COVID-19".

We know children learn and grow best when they feel emotionally and physically safe.

That's why the ACA commissioned a field guide for operating day and overnight camps in COVID-19. It provides focused details on practices for every relevant aspect of opening a camp in the pandemic, including pre-camp screening, on-site screening, surveillance, small family-style groups, (PODS), physical distancing, facilities layout, cleaning and sanitizing, outdoor activities, transportation and logistics and dining, when appropriate, use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), and more.

Also, through our procedures, **we need families to partner with us**, in educating campers without fear, on ways to keep themselves healthy and safe in our new pandemic world. Social skills and friendship building can creativity be taught at a 6' physical distance.

Our staff has been practicing the 6' distancing during our first weeks of camp and they have **become comfortable with stepping back**, sitting further apart, and walking to meals with masks on **and we believe our participants will too.**

We can promise you, even at 6' apart, we can still have fun. The main goal of camp is to minimize risks, while allowing families to still experience camp.

Family Weekend Camp COVID-19 Procedures - 2020

Groupings & Personal Belongings

Families will be divided into household groups. Each family will have their own cabin with a bathroom to use during the weekend.

Daily Operating Procedures & Temperature Checks

Families and staff will be asked COVID-19 health questions and receive temperature checks at camp at check-in and each morning. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4+ degrees, will not be allowed at camp for everyone's safety.

Screening Questions upon Arrival

Families will not be permitted to attend camp if anyone has tested positive for COVID-19 or has a pending result.

Questions that will be asked each day.

- Has the participant/staff had a temperature of 100.4 or greater in the last 24 hours?
- Has the participant/staff been fever-free without the assistance of an antipyretic (e.g. Tylenol) for the last 24 hours?

- Has the participant/staff experienced shortness of breath in the last 48 hours?
- Has the participant/staff experienced a new or worsening cough or persistent sore throat?
- Has the participant/staff experienced loss of taste or smell?
- Out of an abundance of caution for everyone's health and safety, we ask your permission to take participant/staff's temperature.

Additional Screening & Monitoring

We recommend checking your family's temperature before leaving for camp. Any symptoms or behavior at camp that don't look or seem 'normal,' will require the family to be sent home. Excessive coughing, sneezing, fatigue, etc. will require that the family does not attend camp at that point.

Face-coverings

Staff members will wear cloth face-coverings when they greet families. They will also be masked when they are in an enclosed area, closer than 6' to anyone, managing food operations or disinfecting. If outdoors, or in active play, a face-covering can be removed with 6' of distance. Face-coverings for families are recommended by the CDC but are not mandatory by their rules. Camp Cavell's COVID-19 Policy will require face protection to be worn at certain times when there is less than 6' of distance or inside a main building.

We recommend bringing a few face-covering options in a Ziploc bag for everyone in the family. There are instances when we require one to be worn. Any effective mask can be worn however, some have found the 'tube' type of face-covering that goes completely around the neck is less likely to be lost. It can easily be pulled up or down the face as needed. Polyester masks are simple to clean and re-wear. Some activities will require a mask, like getting a plate of food from the cafeteria line or being in close quarters.

Personal Items

To separate and keep everyone safer, every family member should bring:

- Two clean masks or other types of face-coverings and a bottle of hand sanitizer.
- Small sack or backpack to carry their personal belongings.
- Refillable water bottle. We will have large jugs to refill water bottles.
(*We will not use water fountains*)
- Families will be required to keep personal belongings in their cabin or on their designated picnic table.

Arrival & Departure

We are doing our best to manage the arrival process to a point where all questions, payments, and all paperwork needs are to be taken care of prior to coming to camp. The more you can do within your Camp Account is helpful and reduces staff contacts.

- All payments must be paid prior to camp unless approved and planned with the camp director.
- Families will be greeted at their car to have temperature checked prior to entering camp.

Program

Equipment will be sanitized using the guidelines and/or not be in use for the recommended time for safe use. Where possible families will have their own supplies for activities. Contact from other staff and instructors who are not part of the families will be limited and they will take higher precautions when working with the group.

- Everyone will wash hands or use hand sanitizer throughout the activity or day when needed.
- Activities that have more than one family participating will be done in a creative way to have the group interact with a 6' minimum interactive distance.

Meals & Snacks

Meals will be prepared and served COVID-19 correct cafeteria-style by staff utilizing face protection and gloves and adhering to Servsafe and other suggested protocols. Families will eat outside when possible in their family groups with a minimum of 6' separation from other families.

Healthy Hand Hygiene

Hand-washing and sanitation will become part of our weekend schedule. It has always been important, but it will now be required at many crucial points throughout the day.

- Hand-washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before and after all activities and eating.
- Implement respiratory hygiene:
 - Cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or the corner of the elbow
 - Dispose of soiled tissues immediately after use.
 - Wash or sanitize hands after handling contaminated material.

Sanitation

We will have a staff member responsible for daily sanitation in each area. This includes constantly wiping down surfaces, door handles, toys, equipment, tables, and chairs with disinfectant spray/wipes. We have been in consultation with Gordon Food Service and have been advised on the best solutions to our sanitation needs. They will continue to update us on the best practices and products to use.

Social Behavior

We have set up the best system we can to make camp fun while following our guidelines. If families are unable to attempt to comply with the following additional rules, the family will be asked not to return to camp for the season. We will of course work with you to try and correct the behavior.

- Social distancing guidelines
- Invasion of other's personal space
- Inappropriate use of other's items
- Not following sanitation requirements
- Any behavior that is not and will not be tolerated given the safety guidelines

Our procedures and practices will be continually updated as new practices and information become available. If you need more details about Camp Cavell's COVID-19 procedures please contact Jill Laidlaw our Executive Director. If at any time, The State of Michigan, or Camp Cavell decides to shut down the camp, families will be asked to leave camp property.

Thank you for working with us as we create a safer, healthy environment here at Camp Cavell!