

# NFA – Summer 2022 Communicable Disease Protocol



The National Flight Academy looks forward to hosting youth for the 2022 season! While it is impossible to eliminate the risk of virus transmission, we are committed to taking steps to minimize the chance of exposure and infection. NFA works with a local hospital system – *Ascension Sacred Heart*, who will be partnering with us to provide all our program medical needs with a nurse on site, 24 hours a day for the duration of program.

Our team has identified best practices for our protocol from: *The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, The American Camp Association, State of Florida Health Department & Department of Defense*. Policies and Procedures are subject to change.

## **NFA COVID-19 Vaccine recommendations**

As the CDC and FDA guidance on vaccination continues to mature, NFA recommends that parents research and follow the recommendations provided by national and state health agencies in determining whether vaccinations are authorized and available for your child.

- NFA encourages parents to have their Flight Academy students who are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine
- The parent/guardian must disclose if their student(s) has/have been in close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with, tested positive for, or quarantined because of COVID-19, within a 2-week period prior to start of their assigned session. Each parent/guardian must sign off on the understanding of *the implied risk of any pre-existing conditions he or she* may have. \*\*If your camper has any pre-existing conditions, you must contact camp at least 4 weeks prior to your start date. We will have our staff/nurses talk to you about the medical appropriateness of camp for this summer.

## **Daily Health Checks and Response Management Protocol**

NFA has a registered nurse on our staff on loan from Ascension Sacred Heart Hospital System. Nursing staff is present 24 hours a day for the duration of program. Sacred Heart Nursing staff on site will assist in all contagious or infectious disease evaluation with their expertise. The NFA Health Center (Sick Bay) will have 6 distinct rooms for patient rest and treatment as needed for various health needs.

Symptomatic students will be isolated immediately, and further medical evaluation by our on-site nurse will be provided.

- **Parent Communication:** If a student tests positive for COVID-19, the student's parent(s)/legal guardian(s) should pick up or arrange to have the student picked up within 24 hours. – If a student traveled to NFA by plane or group bus, NFA will communicate individual instructions, and the student will be kept in supervised isolation while staff collects their personal belongings, relocates other students from the stateroom, and cleans/sanitizes the room.
- All students and staff that were in the positive student's Carrier Airwing Group (CAG), made up of a maximum of 36 students, will be monitored and allowed to participate in the program unless COVID-19 symptoms are present.

### **NFA Mask & Sanitation Protocol:**

NFA will act in accordance with masking guidance provided by national, state, and local authorities. As NFA is a tenant organization on board Naval Air Station Pensacola, indoor masking requirements will be in alignment with the base and Navy policies. Please be aware that requirements are subject to change/modification as pandemic conditions evolve. To minimize transfer of any infectious disease at NFA, staff and campers will sanitize equipment between activities and missions. NFA also encourages frequent hand washing and sanitization, with sanitizing stations in each educational space.

### **Personal Hygiene**

Please bring your own personal hygiene/bathroom supplies and a container for toiletries to be stored in during the duration of your NFA deployment. **NFA does not provide bathroom and hygiene supplies.** Items should be kept in a bag or tote with their name clearly labeled on it. To avoid the spread of germs, students should not share common bathroom items. At NFA, a student's stateroom sleeps 6 youth of similar age and gender. Stateroom/Bunk arrangements are determined prior to the beginning of each session and cannot be changed or altered. Stateroom bunks are equipped with a curtain and guard rail for safety. Each student's bedding is kept separately and is cleaned by a professional laundry service to hospital sanitation standards at the conclusion of each session. Students may bring their own bedding if desired.