



Summer 2021 COVID-19 Information Page

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We are actively planning for summer in 2021! We learned so much about operating safely during COVID in our 2020 season and cannot wait to apply the methods we perfected to camp this summer!

Below is an itemized list of many of the measures that we anticipate will be in place this summer in order to keep our campers, our staff, and their families, healthy and safe all summer long.

As State of Maryland guidelines for Youth Summer Camps continue to evolve, we will continue to monitor and adjust protocols appropriately and safely. We appreciate your continued support and patience as we work once again towards a summer that is based first and foremost on the health and safety of our campers, staff, and families.

Health Screenings

All campers and staff will participate in daily health screenings, which will include temperature checks and standard questionnaires regarding potential risks, possible COVID symptoms and exposures.

Camp Medical Staff

As in previous summers, J Camps will employ a registered nurse or medic who will be onsite each day.

Staff Training

As is always the case, J Camps has the strongest commitment to training our staff. We routinely devote well over 50 hours of training in the lead up to camp, including individual online training and full day trainings on campus. In addition to the regular training curriculum that we employ, camp staff will be trained on all COVID-19 related safety and prevention protocol for this summer and we will add any additional training modules required or recommended to us by MDH, CDC, and the American Camp Association, as an officially accredited camp.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

Camp will once again have dedicated facilities staff this summer to manage the growing need to clean and disinfect all common areas and supplies both during and after camp hours. All tables and chairs used during lunch shifts and activities will be sanitized after use. All shared equipment will be disinfected after each use, and each camper group will have its own allotment of small supplies such as art supplies, cards, board games, etc. We will also be utilizing the additional handwashing stations that were added throughout camp in 2020.

COVID Positive Case Response

Created in partnership with LifeBridge Health, our Medical team, and based on MDH guidelines, J Camps has a response protocol for symptomatic, probable and positive case responses. If a camper or staff member develops symptoms during the camp day, they will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and if deemed appropriate, isolated and required to go home until they are cleared by a doctor to return. If the camper or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, we will immediately notify parents in their bunk and contact the Maryland Department of Health to report. J Camps will follow MDH and CDC guidelines to determine who will have to quarantine and for how long in the event of a positive test.

Camp Capacity

In order to safely distance camper groups on our campus and in our program spaces, the overall capacity of camp will be reduced, limiting camp's enrollment availability. The majority of activities will remain outdoors. Should our currently reduced campground capacity change based on the progression of COVID-19's safety and health protocols, we will immediately inform our camp community.

Mask Policy

We are currently following the mask policy (below) that was put in place by the MDH in July 2020. If a new policy is issued prior to the start of camp, we will provide an update.

- The current State of Maryland camp guideline states that masks are required for campers age 6 and above and staff anytime we are indoors, at carpool, or transitioning from activities. It also requires masks be worn outside for campers age 6 and above and for staff when not social distancing.
- There are some exclusions to outdoor mask wearing including a medical condition, when it is not safe to do so, eating, drinking, swimming, or when a physical activity would cause a safety risk in the heat.
- All campers (regardless of age) and staff will be required to wear a mask indoors. Times we are indoors is for extreme weather, during carpool, and when using an assigned indoor bathroom. During these times, all groups are separated by bunk and do not interact with one another.

Camper Grouping

The final group sizes will be based on MDH guidelines that will come out closer to the start of the summer. **If staffing ratios cannot be met, we reserve the right to cancel the day of camp for your camper(s) group.** At all times the camp bunk (described as "pods" or "households" in COVID-19 guidelines and literature), will remain together throughout the day without mixing with other bunks. If there are times when bunks are in the same area they will remain socially distanced. We will use visual markers whenever possible to make it easier for campers to understand.

General Programming

All programming will take place at safe distances and with the proper protocol in place. The majority of programming will be outdoors. Groups will not mix with other groups during program times and consideration will be made for the pathway's campers take to and from each program.

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, all children will be brought inside the JCC and each group will have their own space. All staff and campers will be required to wear masks while they are indoors. Staff will be disinfecting frequently touched surfaces and children will be encouraged to wash and disinfect their hands as much as possible.

Field Trips

Currently, we are not planning any field trips in summer 2021.