



COVID-19

Safety Plan & Operating

Handbook

Summer 2021

We have worked diligently to develop protocols and procedures to ensure that our campers and staff members are able to enjoy a safe camp environment this summer.

This handbook has been developed with guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the CDC, and the American Camp Association.

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REIMAGINING A SAFER CAMP

Ravens Run will run differently than it traditionally has in order to meet the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Camp is not a risk-free environment, but increased safety procedures and policies have been created to minimize risk and provide campers with a great summer experience. At camp you will have the reassurance that everyone has been health screened each day prior to arriving at camp and will remain within consistent camper groups, supervised by caring staff with meticulous cleaning procedures in place.

Ravens Run follows the laws and regulations set forth by the Pennsylvania and the United States governments. These laws and regulations change as circumstances change and knowledge expands. Accordingly, we expect that this Safety Plan and Handbook will evolve as well.

LESSONS FROM 2020

Day camps that safely and successfully operated in 2020 focused on the following principles:

1. Promote healthy hygiene
2. Increase cleaning, disinfection and ventilation
3. Increase physical distancing
4. Limit sharing
5. Increase monitoring of camper and staff health
6. Decrease group sizes and limited group mixing
7. Restrict parents, guardians and non-essential visitors from camp

BEFORE SUMMER 2021 BEGINS

We do not anticipate that campers will be vaccinated before the summer begins, but we have strongly encouraged our staff to be fully vaccinated before camp begins.

Now more than ever, we need every camp family to complete a health form for each camper well before camp starts. If you haven't already done so, please complete your [health forms](#) (and permission to medicate, if applicable).

Please let us know if your child is at higher risk for complications related to COVID-19 due to medical issues such as diabetes or asthma. Please consult with your child's medical provider to assess his/her risk and determine if attendance is advisable.

SCREENING

A daily at-home temperature check and symptom screening will be required for every camper and staff member to complete prior to arriving at camp each day, via your [CampIn Touch](#) account on our website. Anyone with a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher or other COVID-19 related symptom(s) will not be permitted to come to camp that day. Like everything else in the ever-changing world of COVID-19 protocols, our policy may change on this issue.

Current COVID-19 symptoms include:

- Cough
- Fever (100.4 degrees or higher)
- Shortness of Breath
- Sore Throat
- Unexplained loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Headache
- Fatigue

We need your help. PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CAMPER IF HE OR SHE IS SICK OR IS SHOWING ANY SIGNS ASSOCIATED WITH COVID-19.

Initial assessment of all health-related issues (injuries, medications, and sickness) will take place outside. Based upon medical needs, campers will be treated outside or will go to a separate and supervised quarantine area.

We will ask camp families to immediately pick up any camper who develops a fever or other COVID-19 symptom during the camp day. Likewise, any staff member who develops symptoms will leave camp as soon as possible.

If your camper is diagnosed with COVID-19, please let us know right away. Likewise, any staff member diagnosed with COVID-19 should let us know right away.

CLEANING

- Communal spaces will be cleaned and disinfected daily
- Frequently touched surfaces and bathrooms will be cleaned and disinfected multiple times per day

HYGIENE

At the beginning of camp, we will teach campers:

1. How and when to effectively wash and sanitize hands:
 - a. Before eating food
 - b. Before and after activities
 - c. After being in contact with someone who may have been sick
 - d. After touching frequently touched surfaces
 - e. After using the bathroom
 - f. After using common items such as sports equipment or craft supplies
 - g. After coughing, sneezing or blowing nose
 - h. We will make sure that they know that, when washing hands, water temperature is not important, that antibacterial soap will not be more effective than regular soap and that soap and water is more effective than alcohol-based hand sanitizer, especially if hands are visibly dirty or greasy.
2. How to practice physical distancing in various settings.
3. Coughing etiquette (THE ELBOW!)
4. When to wear face coverings (always, except when eating). Your camper should have at least one extra mask with them at all times and wear one mask to camp each day.
5. How and where to refill their refillable water bottles.

In addition, hand sanitizer will be available throughout camp and regular hand washing will be a part of each group's routine.

GROUPING AND ACTIVITIES

Campers will be organized into self-contained groups of 12-14 campers with dedicated supervisory staff that stay together all day, every day. Whole camp events such as the carnival, gingerbread house contest and end of session art shows and performances will take place individually by group. The show will be made available on video for families to enjoy. Lunch will be eaten outside by group, campers socially distanced from each other and from other groups.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

Parents and guardians should remain in their cars at drop off and at pick up. Our staff will come to the vehicles to pick up and greet children in the morning and will bring them to the vehicles in the afternoon. Families will be assigned a staggered time for drop off and for pick up to limit the flow of traffic and people. You will be notified of your time at the start of your session.

EXTREME WEATHER

Ravens Run will have several covered spaces that are open air so that we can have an entirely planned out rainy day schedule when an occasional rainstorm passes by. However, during the pandemic, using our covered spaces for an entire day while trying to maintain social distancing may not be feasible. Ravens Run reserves the right to cancel camp due to extreme weather (rain, wind or extreme heat). If extreme weather is forecasted and it is necessary to close camp for the day, we will notify all camp families and staff via email no later than 8:00 pm the night prior. If camp is canceled due to forecasted inclement weather, camp families will receive a credit for one day for each day missed after the second day that camp is closed.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN?

- If we believe that your camper is experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 during the camp day we will immediately contact you via phone. We will ask you to immediately pick up your camper and any siblings and to have your camper tested for COVID-19. While waiting to be picked up, campers will be supervised in an isolated area separated from others. Campers are welcome to return to camp with a negative COVID test result or an alternative diagnosis from their doctor.

- If your camper is in a group with a camper or staff member with a confirmed case of COVID-19, we will call you that day. Please know that, due to privacy issues, we will not be able to provide specific information about the identity of any camper or staff member with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19.
 - All campers and staff who came into close contact (less than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) will be required to remain at home and quarantine for 10 days.
 - Contact tracing to determine close contacts will be conducted by the Department of Health
 - Camper tuition will be credited and Staff will be compensated for this time.

- Any camper or staff member diagnosed with COVID-19 will be asked to stay home until they are:
 - 3 days symptom and fever free (without fever reducing medication)
 - at least 10 days after diagnosis **AND**
 - cleared by a physician to return