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COVID-19 Procedures for Campers and Families Summer 2021

**All procedures are in accordance with the CDC's guidance for operating youth and summer camps during COVID-19. In the event that the CDC's guidance is updated so too will our procedures.*

GOAL: Our goal is to keep everyone healthy and safe while still supporting the mission of Our Lady of Good Counsel Camp. In the event of someone being suspected of having COVID-19, we want to ensure that they can be isolated and removed from the program without shutting down all of Camp. Everyone involved with the GCC program must work together to achieve this goal, that includes all campers, staff and their families. Your cooperation is appreciated and also imperative in order to protect our GCC Family and ensure that our program can operate for the entirety of the summer.

BEFORE ARRIVING AT CAMP

- **Sign our COVID-19 consent form:** All parents/guardians MUST sign our COVID-19 consent form which is available by following the link below. This may be turned in upon arrival to camp this summer.
 - [Download the COVID-19 Consent Form HERE](#)
- **Make sure your contact info is on file and up to date:** In the event that a camper is suspected of having COVID-19, our two main forms of communication will be by *email* and *phone call*. If you receive an email it will simply be to notify you that we have had a positive case at camp but that your camper is not at risk. If you receive a phone call it will be to let you know that your camper may have come in contact with COVID-19 and that we are awaiting a test result. Once the test is confirmed to be positive or negative, you will receive a follow up call informing you of the next steps. *We will verify all contact information when you drop off your camper on opening day.*
- **Have a plan in case your camper needs to be removed from the program:** In the event that a camper is suspected of having COVID-19 or your camper was confirmed to have come into close contact with a camper or staff member who has tested positive, they will immediately be isolated and the parent(s)/guardian(s) will be notified. Parents/guardians will have to pick up their child within *8 hours of notification*. In the event that a parent/guardian cannot pick up their child, you will need to have someone else available to pick them up. This person may be either a family member or close friend but they must be designated to the camp staff by the parent/guardian in writing before the camper can depart with them.
- **Consider getting your camper vaccinated if they meet the eligible criteria before arriving at camp:** If your camper is vaccinated, please attach a copy of your vaccination card to your medical form and turn it into the camp nurse on opening day. In the event that a vaccinated camper comes in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, the vaccinated camper will be closely monitored for symptoms and will NOT need to be removed from the camp program unless symptoms develop.

- Vaccine appointments are easy to find and schedule. Visit <https://www.vaccines.gov/> to book an appointment near you.
- Not sure if your camper is eligible? Visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/adolescents.html>
- **Avoid Large Gatherings and Mixing Between Families:** It is strongly encouraged that campers, their families, and camp staff follow guidance for travelers in the 14 days before camp arrival to reduce exposure to COVID-19. Unvaccinated campers and staff members are asked to engage in a 2 week pre-arrival quarantine that includes physical distancing, mask-wearing when not at home, avoiding unnecessary travel, and refraining from indoor social gatherings with people outside of their households. Please also take your camper's temperature daily and monitor your camper's health for the signs of COVID 19. If your camper is traveling internationally to arrive at camp, a negative test result within 3 days of your arrival to camp will be required at check-in.
- **Pack face masks:** It is recommended to pack *at least 8* (one for each day of the week, plus one extra) *washable face masks* for each of your campers. Masks are NOT required when your camper(s) is inside their own cabin or with their regular rotation group (2 cabins) at a camp activity. They are also NOT required whenever they are participating in a water activity or if the activity is physically demanding (think dodgeball, soccer, gagaball, canoeing, capture the flag, etc.) Masks ARE required when there is a 3rd cabin present at your activity (this would be a cabin outside of your usual rotation) and the activity is not physically demanding (think arts and crafts, team building exercises, canteen, archery, riflery, etc). These rules apply even if an individual is vaccinated.

WHILE AT CAMP

- **Opening Day:**
 - Families will not be allowed to tour camp on opening day and lunch will only be provided for campers and staff members.
 - All families are asked to remain inside or stay close to their vehicles for the entirety of the check-in process.
 - Parents/guardians will be allowed to enter their camper's cabin and help get them settled. However, please do not linger inside the cabin and only do so one family at a time. Family members who are not parents/guardians will be asked to wait outside.
 - Families must arrive during their designated time slots.
 - Last names start with letters A-I; drop off between 10:30am -12pm
 - Last names start with letters J-Q; drop off between 12pm - 1:30pm
 - Last names start with letters R-Z; drop off between 1:30pm - 3pm
 - Upon arrival at camp, families will begin the check-in process in their cars by driving through a set up course. The course will be guided by signs and cones.
 - Once dropped off at camp, campers may stay in their cabin with one of their counselors or take part in an organized activity with their other counselor and cabinmates.
- **Closing Day:**
 - Upon arrival at camp, families will begin the check-out process in their cars by driving through a set course.
 - Families must arrive during their designated time slots.
 - If your oldest camper is in cabins 1 and 8; pick up between 9am - 10am
 - If your oldest camper is in cabins 2, 3, 9 or 10; pick up between 10am - 11am
 - If your oldest camper is in cabins 4, 5, 11 or 12; pick up between 11am - 12pm
 - Campers will take part in organized activities with their cabins until their parents arrive.
- **Activities:**

- The camp schedule will operate on 2 “tracks.”
 - Track 1 will start with morning Mass and operate 45 minutes behind Track 2.
 - One track will contain 6 cabins of campers while the other track will contain 4 cabins of campers.
- Cabins will rotate in groups of 2 between regular activities.
 - The 2 cabins will always be the same.
- Cabins will only come into contact with other cabins outside of their group when 2 of 3 guiding criteria are met.
 - They are outside.
 - They are wearing masks.
 - They are socially distanced.
- **Campers:**
 - Campers will be monitored for COVID-19 symptoms every morning and the information will be documented by a designated staff person.
 - Only temperatures will be documented every evening by a designated staff person.
 - Campers will be placed in “cohorts.” These will be called “Groups.”
 - When rotating daily activities, only 2 cabins (their assigned group) will be at an activity at once.
 - The two cabins will NOT be required to wear face masks when they are the only two cabins at the activity.
 - Activities such as Mass, meals and campfires will not exceed more than 6 cabins and will only be done via social distancing or mask wearing.
- **Meal-Times**
 - Meals will take place in the Mess Hall with two separate meal-times for breakfast, lunch and dinner (45 minutes apart).
 - No more than 6 cabins will be present for each meal and the same cabins will eat each meal together.
 - Every cabin will have their own table whether they eat their meal in the first time slot or the second.
 - Upon entering the Mess Hall every camper, staff person will use the hand sanitizer station. Everyone will enter the building wearing a mask.
 - Cabins and staff will be seated at tables and each table will be at least 6’ a part.
 - Meals will be served family style with the counselor serving the food. No person will enter the kitchen unless they are an authorized staff member approved by the Cook or Camp Director.
 - Meals will be brought to each table by a staff person wearing a mask and served accordingly.
 - Designated staff will clean up after each meal and sanitize all high traffic areas/objects.
- **Restrooms and Shower Facilities**
 - Hand washing will be required every time they enter and/or leave these facilities. Instructions will be placed at each hand washing station. All campers, staff and volunteers will have an orientation in washing hands upon arrival.
 - Only one cabin of campers will be allowed to shower at a time.
 - The number of campers allowed inside during high traffic times will be limited and monitored by a staff member.
 - ALL restrooms and shower facilities will be cleaned at least 2 times a day by designated staff (once during rest period and again after showers, more when possible).
- **Communication**
 - Email will be the main form of communication.
 - Parents/guardians have the option to join the Parents of GCC Facebook group where updates will also be provided.

- Email will be the main form of communication if there is a suspected COVID case at camp BUT *only if your camper is deemed to be low risk.*
- A personal phone call will be made by a designated staff member to all parent(s)/guardian(s) whose campers are deemed to be high risk.
- **Visitors**
 - No visitors will be allowed on property without prior permission.
 - Visitors will not be allowed past the infirmary unless they have passed a health screening.
 - All visitors with permission to pass the infirmary will be asked to complete the same health screening as staff members and campers.
 - *Sunday Mass will NOT be open to the public.*
- **What happens if a camper or staff member is suspected of having COVID-19?**
 - If a camper is suspected of having COVID-19 they will immediately be isolated, their parent(s)/guardian(s) will be notified and contact tracing will begin
 - Their cabin will proceed with activities on a totally separate track from any other cabin and will be monitored closely until a negative test is received
 - Any other cabins that may be deemed high risk due to close contact with the camper will proceed on separate tracks until a negative test is received
 - The camper's counselor will pack up their belongings and sanitize the cabin before other campers enter and the parent(s)/guardian(s) arrive
 - Parent(s)/guardian(s) of any campers deemed to be high risk will be notified with a personal phone call that their child came in contact with a camper suspected to have COVID-19
 - All other parents will be notified with an email that there was a suspected case at camp and that we are awaiting a negative test result
 - If parents receive an email, they should NOT be worried.
 - If a test is positive, any campers that are considered high risk will be removed from the program.

FAQs

- **What criteria must be met for a camper to be “suspected,” of having COVID-19?**
 - A camper will be suspected of COVID-19 if they begin to show symptoms that last several hours after rest and hydration. All known symptoms of COVID-19 are listed on the CDC’s website at the link below.
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
- **What if I cannot pick up my camper within the 8 hour time window?**
 - In the event that a parent/guardian cannot pick up their child, you will need to have someone else available to pick them up. This person may be either a family member or close friend but they must be designated to the camp staff by the parent/guardian in writing before the camper can depart with them.
- **What if I cannot drop off or pick up my camper within the designated time slot?**
 - Please reach out to us by email and notify us of your estimated arrival time.
- **What if myself or my camper tests positive before arriving to camp?**
 - Please follow all guidelines to quarantine safely. In the event that your recommended quarantine ends during the first week of your camp session, you may join us for the original session that you signed up for. If there is availability in another session, you could join us for a later date.
- **Are masks required even if my camper is vaccinated?**
 - Masks are NOT required when your camper(s) is inside their own cabin or with their regular rotation group (2 cabins) at a camp activity. They are also NOT required whenever they are participating in a water activity or if the activity is physically demanding (think dodgeball, soccer, gagaball, canoeing, capture the flag, etc.) Masks ARE required when there is a 3rd cabin present at your activity (this would be a cabin outside of your usual rotation) and the activity is not physically demanding (think arts and crafts, team building exercises, canteen, archery, riflery, etc). These rules apply even if an individual is vaccinated.
- **Will my vaccinated camper be removed from the program if he/she comes in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?**
 - No, vaccinated individuals do not need to be removed from the program unless they begin to show symptoms after coming in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.