

MESSIAH'S SUMMER CAMPS

COVID-19 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Because Messiah's Summer Camps use the Messiah Lambs facility, we will be doing our best to maintain the policies and procedures they have been following all year.

ILLNESS

1. Any employee or child who has any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19 will be sent home or not admitted for the day:

- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- loss of taste or smell
- diarrhea
- chills
- feeling feverish or measured temperature greater than or equal to 100 degrees F
- repeated shaking
- muscle pain
- known close contact with a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19
- headache

Employees and children may return to camp with a Doctor's note.

2. Children may NOT be sent to camp with fever-reducing medications in their system.

3. Staff and children who become sick or show any of the symptoms listed above during the day will be sent home as soon as possible. Children will be isolated until they are picked up.

4. For families with multiple children, both children will be excluded from care if one of the children does not meet admittance criteria for health. This also means that if one child is sent home, the sibling is sent home as well.

5. If staff members or students know they have had exposure to someone with a lab-confirmed case of COVID-19, someone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, or someone under investigation for COVID-19, they should self-isolate and monitor their health for the above symptoms during the 10 days after the last day they were in close contact with the individual with COVID-19. The camp should be contacted immediately.

6. Student and staff members will have their temperatures taken randomly throughout the day.

ACTION PLAN FOR CONFIRMED CASES IN THE CAMP COMMUNITY

1. If a child or staff person is confirmed positive and has been present in the building, we will immediately contact the health department and follow their instructions. In most cases, they will instruct us to close the camp temporarily until they have completed an investigation and we have completed thorough disinfection. We will notify parents of immediate closure first through the “Messiah Summer Camp Parents” Facebook Page and then begin calling families until we have confirmed that all families have received the message.
2. Confirmed cases of children and staff members will be reported to the health department.
3. Staff and children who are identified as possible contacts with the person under investigation for COVID-19 will be notified of possible exposure.
4. If a staff member, child, or family member is under investigation or tests positive for COVID-19, we ask that the staff person or family of the child cooperate with requests of the camp and health department. Timeliness may impact the length of our closure.
5. Reopening of the camp after shutting down due to confirmed COVID-19 cases will follow the guidance and recommendation of the County Health Department.

DROP OFF and PICK UP

1. Before arriving at camp both parent and child should wash their hands thoroughly.
2. Upon arrival at camp in the morning, parents will park their car (every other space will be blocked off) and assist their child in exiting the car. Please stand with your child on the driver's side of the car and wait for a staff member to screen your child. In the event of rain, please remain in your car. Children will have their temperatures taken and parents will be asked a series of screening questions. After the screening, children will be taken to their classrooms by a staff member. Parents are not allowed to leave the premises until the child has been screened and must agree to take their child home if they are exhibiting symptoms of illness.
3. A staff member will sign children in and out each day.
4. All adults should wear a mask. If you have forgotten to wear a mask, you will be asked to step aside during the screening to give distance to the staff member screening your child.
5. If at all possible, drop off and pick up of children should only be done by adults already in regular contact with your child. This will limit the number of people our screener is exposed to. Please limit the number of adults who exit the car to one. Families should remain at least 6 feet away from other people at all times.
6. We limit the number of staff in the screening area to reduce the overall contact between people.
7. At this time parents may not enter the building except for emergencies. Any written notes for your child's teacher along with tuition and other paperwork may be dropped off with the screening staff.
8. All staff, children, and necessary guests are screened and temperatures recorded before entering the building.
9. If your child can stand on their own, please stand away from the screener while temperatures are taken.
10. We will wash children's hands as soon as possible after they enter the building.
11. For infant classrooms, daily sheets will be sent home in advance. Please have these sheets filled out before arriving to avoid hold-ups in the line. If you need additional forms you may find them on our website.
12. Since administrators will be occupied from 8-9:15 am, 12 pm and 2-3 pm during general drop off and pick up hours, please expect that you will need to leave a message if you call by phone.
13. Please understand that we are making every effort to do this quickly so everyone can get to work on time. Please allow yourself ample time for the drop-off and pickup process and remain patient.
14. At pickup time, you will go to the designated pick-up location for your child. Please remain socially distanced until we are ready to dismiss. Please do not take your child without confirmation from the staff member that you are doing so. Children should be placed in cars immediately and no lingering on the property should take place. We take great effort during the day to reduce contact between groups of children and want those efforts to continue throughout the pickup process.
15. If you need to pick your child up early you will need to call the Camp office and let them know what time you will arrive so that we will have your child ready when you arrive.

More details regarding our drop off/pick up procedure will be available on our website.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

1. To reduce respiratory contact between children and adults, anyone over the age of 10 years old must wear a mask in the Messiah Lambs area of the building. Children over the age of 2 years old may wear a mask if their parents desire. Masks may be taken off for outdoor play, during nap time (for 2's) and to eat or drink.
2. Adults who drop off children must wear a mask to protect the families and staff in the area and to limit the possible virus spread at the screening station.
3. If you send a mask for your child please note the following: Children who drool should be sent with multiple masks, and all masks need to be washed daily at home. All masks should be labeled with the child's name.
4. When masks are not worn, they are carefully folded and stored to prevent cross-contamination or hung in the classroom from a line where they are not able to touch any other mask.
5. Camp staff will wear masks and possibly shields, except when eating or while supervising outdoor play. Camp staff will keep masks ready for use if they must come in contact with children during outdoor play.
6. Staff, when working directly with children, will wear large button-up shirts or smocks that are changed throughout the day as their clothing is contaminated by secretions or excretions. Infant and toddler teachers switch protective clothing a minimum of twice a day.
7. When bottle-feeding babies, teachers lay a receiving blanket across their chest as a barrier.
8. Teachers are responsive to children's questions regarding protective equipment using simple, developmentally appropriate language.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

1. Children and staff should limit personal belongings brought into the building to only what is necessary.
2. During the pandemic period, we will not do a “show and tell time”. Please do not bring toys or stuffed animals.
3. Each child needs 2 pairs of clothes sent in large labeled gallon Ziploc bags – one for each set. The bags will be sanitized before being stored in the classroom or cubbies.
4. Please do not send bags or backpacks, other than lunch bags meant for bottles and food.
5. For children who use pacifiers, please send them in a small labeled Ziploc bag for use at camp.
6. Infant carriers and strollers will not be taken into the building at this time.
7. Children who nap may bring nap mats or blankets. These items will remain at camp throughout the week and sent home on the last day of attendance each week to be laundered. If a “lovie” is brought for comfort please note that it must remain at camp for the duration of the week along with the mats and blankets.

FOOD

1. Snacks are not provided by the camp. Please send a snack with your child daily. Please label the snack with your child’s name.
2. Foods from home, including bottles, should be sent in a lunch bag. Make sure all bags are labeled with the child’s name on the outside in an obvious location
3. Teachers will wash their hands before and after handling infant bottles.
4. Teachers will wash their hands and wear gloves before assisting children with their food.
5. Teachers and children will wash their hands before eating.
6. Shared snacks and birthday treats may not be brought to camp.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING STRATEGIES

1. Children will remain with the same group all day as much as possible. Contact with children is limited as much as possible to staff in their classroom bubble and the daily screener.
2. Regular employee absences and breaks are covered first by the regular classroom staff, next by teachers within the same bubble (such as infants, toddlers, twos, and preschool) and finally by another staff member.
3. The hallways and playgrounds are the only areas multiple groups will use each day. These will only be used by one group at a time.
5. Teachers are encouraged to avoid children standing in line as much as possible. This is normally a good teaching strategy as children have difficulty waiting and transitioning between activities.
7. Nap cots and cribs in the PDO classrooms will be placed 6 feet apart if possible. If cots and cribs cannot be distanced 6 feet, children will sleep head to toe with space to walk in between.
8. If possible, infants will be carried with backs to the caregiver's chest to avoid face to face contact.
9. Children will continue to be loved and comforted. Teachers will progress through the following stages of comfort depending on the child's need or situation: eye contact and warm soothing voice, light touch to the arm, side hug or sitting on lap with the child's back to the teacher's front, and holding them.
10. Staff will break physical distancing to care for hurt or sick children.
11. Staff will use physical distancing while accomplishing tasks outside of their classrooms, in or out of the building, including breaks.

DIAPERING AND TOILETING

1. When diapering children or assisting with toileting, teachers will wash the child's hands and their own hands before putting on gloves. They will follow all other regular safe diaper changing procedures as outlined by the CDC and child care licensing. These procedures are posted near changing tables and stations in all PDO classrooms.
2. Soiled clothing will not be washed or rinsed on-site. It will be sent home in a sealed bag.

HAND HYGIENE

1. All children and staff will wash hands at the following times: after arriving at the facility, before and after preparing food or drinks, before and after eating or handling food and feeding children, before and after administering medication or medical ointment, before and after diapering, after outdoor activities, after using the toilet or helping a child use the bathroom, after coming in contact with bodily fluid, after handling garbage, and anytime hands are dirty or if it has been longer than an hour since their hands were washed.
2. Staff will wash hands these additional times: after assisting children with handwashing, after handling or cleaning bodily fluids – such as wiping noses, mouths, or bottoms, and tending sores, after removing gloves.
3. Every hour children and staff are asked to wash hands in addition to the above times.
4. Children and staff will wash hands for 20 seconds. Children will be supervised.
5. Handwashing posters with proper protocols are posted by every hand washing sink.

CAMP DEPOSITS AND FEES

If Summer Camps is temporarily closed due to covid, Fees paid outside of the non-refundable deposit will be eligible for refund/credit for future camp fees.

OUR GOAL

This plan is not complete without a final word about your child's experience. While safety is our highest priority during this public health crisis, we are also committed to a joyous learning environment for your child. Children will continue to play, laugh, explore, and create as a testament to our human resilience. Our entire team is grateful for the trust and support you have given our camp during this time.