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YMCA CAMP BOOMERANG

COVID-19 OPERATIONS GUIDE

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OVERVIEW

YMCA Camp Boomerang is committed to following best practices in mitigating risks associated with COVID 19. We take recommendations from the following agencies to shape our practices:

- The YMCA of the USA & The YMCA Camping Cabinet
- The American Camping Association
- The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA)
- The Centers for Disease Control
- Genesee County Health Department

We will continue to update our policies and procedures as these organizations update their recommendations. Any changes will be communicated to staff and families. This guide was last updated 4/30/2021.

FAMILIES' ROLE IN RISK MITIGATION

For Camp Boomerang to operate as safely as possible, families will play a key role in risk mitigation. We ask all parents to help us be proactive in our approach to COVID-19 and maintain open communication. Before camp starts, parents can expect the following:

- Opportunity to contact Boomerang staff to discuss concerns or questions about attending camp with COVID mitigation strategies in place.
- An update on new screening procedures for campers and staff (in this guide)
- Opportunity to discuss with Boomerang staff any health concerns/conditions that may make their child at higher risk for complications if exposed to COVID-19. This will be done on the child's health form. We remind families that immunocompromised children and those with chronic health conditions should consult with their primary care provider regarding camp attendance.
- Immunizations are required to attend camp, and it is recommended that children should be up to date with current vaccination schedules to protect them from vaccine-preventable infectious disease outbreaks, including influenza. If vaccines have been delayed as a result of the stay-at-home order, families should have a plan with their child's medical provider for catch-up vaccinations in a timely manner.

OVERVIEW OF COVID-19 MITIGATION STRATEGIES

YMCA Camp Boomerang is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy environment for Summer Camp. To this end, we will follow these general guidelines to maintain safe operations:

- Camper Cohorting
 - o Campers will be put into smaller groups than previous summers.
 - o Cohorts will not change after the first day of camp- please ensure that groupmate requests are made before camp begins.
 - o Once in a group, campers will not mingle with other groups – activities such as field trips or camper’s choice will not take place in 2021, and will be replaced with group choice or group swim time.
- Health and Temperature Screenings
 - o Campers and staff will be screened daily for COVID-19 symptoms and will have their temperatures checked.
- Mask Wearing and Physical Distancing
 - o Where possible, campers and staff will follow 6’ physical distancing recommendations. Anytime more than one cohort are sharing a space, at least 6’ distance will be **strictly** maintained.
 - o Campers and staff will wear cloth face coverings anytime they are indoors, or when they are outside and 6’ physical distancing is impractical or impossible to enforce.
 - Masks will not be worn when swimming, or eating.
- Increased Cleaning & Sanitizing
 - o Camp has developed robust cleaning protocols to clean frequently touched surfaces at least daily.
 - Staff will disinfect non-porous surfaces daily, or more frequently for shared spaces/surfaces.
 - Frequently touched surfaces, including tables, drinking fountains, door handles, railings, light switches, countertops, cabinet handles, desks, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks will be disinfected several times each day.
 - o Camp will create a culture of hand hygiene amongst campers and staff.
 - We will encourage campers and staff to wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
 - Campers and staff will be encouraged to wash their hands after blowing their nose, coughing, sneezing, going to the bathroom, and before eating or preparing food.
 - Where soap and water are unavailable, alcohol-based hand sanitizer will be provided for campers and staff to disinfect their hands. Hand sanitizer will be readily available around camp.
- Modified Check-In and Check-Out Procedures
 - o When dropping off or picking up their campers, families will remain in their vehicle for the entire process. Campers will be escorted to and from the vehicle by camp staff.

RESPONDING TO A POSSIBLE OR CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19

- Sick individuals will be immediately separated from all other campers and staff and either sent home or to a healthcare facility, depending on how severe their symptoms are.
- If a camper cannot be picked up immediately, they will be isolated. Campers will remain under camp staff supervision until parents/guardians arrive.
- Sick individuals will wear a cloth face covering.
- Staff who begin to feel ill during camp will be sent home.
- If someone becomes symptomatic at camp, staff will contact the Genesee County Health Department to report exposure and determine next steps.
 - o The Health Department will provide guidance regarding how to determine who should be considered a close contact and who should be sent home.
 - o Campers determined by the Health Department to have been in close contact will not be allowed to stay at camp. They will be required to remain at home until they've received two negative COVID tests or 14 days have passed without symptoms.
 - o All campers and staff exhibiting COVID-like symptoms will be isolated in the Health and Wellness Center.
- If a camper, staff member, family member, or visitor to camp becomes ill, camp will contact the Genesee County Health Department and Michigan LARA for next steps.
- Staff and families are **required** to report to camp if they become symptomatic or receive positive COVID-19 test results.
- Camp staff will notify parents if a camper in their child's cabin or group has a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 and will share as much information as possible without violating the privacy of the individual.
- If an individual in a shared area is identified with a positive test for COVID-19, leaves camp experiencing a fever greater than 100.4^o, or demonstrates COVID-like symptoms, that area will be closed until it is cleaned and disinfected.

CONTACTING CAMP

Parents/Guardians should report possible illness to camp staff if anyone in their household shows symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19. Please contact us **before bringing your child to camp** so that we can assess whether the child must remain isolated at camp.

To reach camp staff:

Before Summer Camp(May-Early June) - Monday-Friday, 8 AM – 4 PM:

810-732-9622* – ask for Elizabeth

***Alternate camp phone number will be provided during the summer to enrolled parents.**

Camp is required to have a Point of Contact Adult onsite during operations. This person is Elizabeth Hudson. Elizabeth has a thorough understanding of the signs/symptoms of COVID-19, Camp's preparedness and response plan, and the Camp Health Service Policy. Elizabeth can be reached at the number listed above.

COVID-19 HEALTH SCREENING

Camps are required to check for COVID-19 Symptoms when campers and staff arrive daily.

CAMPER SCREENING

Daily, camp staff will screen campers for COVID-19 symptoms. Family members dropping campers off are required to stay with their child until they've been cleared to stay.

Staff will perform the following screenings:

- Temperature check
 - Campers with a 100.4° or higher fever will not be allowed to stay at camp. They will be required to remain at home until they've received two negative COVID tests or 10 days have passed without symptoms and medication free.
- Symptom Check
 - Camp staff will review a list of COVID symptoms with campers' families. Any campers exhibiting symptoms will not be allowed to stay at camp. They will be required to remain at home until they've received two negative COVID tests or 10 days have passed without symptoms and medication free.
 - Camp staff will ask campers if they've felt unwell in the last 3 days and if they're feeling well today. Any campers exhibiting symptoms will not be allowed to stay at camp. They will be required to remain at home until they've received two negative COVID tests or 10 days have passed without symptoms and medication free.
- Contact Check
 - Campers' families will be asked if their child has been in contact with a person who has or is suspected to have COVID-19. If they have, campers will not be allowed to stay at camp. They will be required to remain at home until they've received two negative COVID tests or 10 days have passed without symptoms and medication free.
- Visual Check
 - Camp staff will perform a visual check of the camper for signs of illness, including:
 - Flushed cheeks
 - Rapid or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Extreme fussiness
 - Campers exhibiting symptoms will not be allowed to stay at camp. They will be required to remain at home until they've received two negative COVID tests or 10 days have passed without symptoms and medication free.

STAFF SCREENING

Daily, Camp staff will perform self-checks before interacting with children. Their checks will include the following:

- Temperature Checks
 - Staff with a temperature above 100.4° will be required to leave work and remain at home until they have had a resolution of their fever without the use of fever-reducing medications, **AND** received two negative COVID tests **AND** an improvement in symptoms (if any).
- Symptom Checks
 - Staff demonstrating any COVID symptoms will be required to leave work and remain at home until they have had a resolution of their fever (if any) without the use of fever-reducing medications, **AND** received two negative COVID tests **AND** an improvement in symptoms.
- Contact Checks
 - Staff who have had close contact and/or live with any person having a confirmed COVID diagnosis or a person displaying COVID-19 symptoms will be required to leave work and remain at home until at least 10 days have passed without symptoms and medication free.

PROCEDURES FOR PREVENTING DISEASE TRANSMISSION AT DAY CAMP

CAMPER COHORTING

- Each group will have no more than 10 campers and 2 staff, for a maximum of 12 people per group.
- Cohorts will not change after the first day of camp- please ensure that groupmate requests are made before camp begins.
- These groups will remain a distinct cohort, maintaining physical distance from other groups.
- Cohorts will remain together for all camp activities- from check-in, to eating and activities.
 - o Activities such as campers choice will be replaced with group choice. Campers will not mix with other groups.
- Multi-cohort activities/programs such as theme activities will be in open air and utilizing physical distancing. At times they will be in smaller groups based on state guidance for group gathering sizes, while maintaining the exciting, expanded camp feel.
- Program planning will include reducing shared equipment and increasing sanitizing of program supplies.

HEALTH AND TEMPERATURE SCREENINGS

- Screenings will take place every day before check-in at day camp at the first check-in station.
- Parent/guardian and campers will be asked to wear masks during screening process.
- A staff member will be checking temperatures of each camper attending camp that day. Campers must have a temperature lower than 100.4 degrees.
 - o Campers with COVID Symptoms or a temperature over 100.4 will be required to leave camp and remain at home until they have received two negative COVID tests 24 hours apart or 10 days have passed without symptoms.
- A staff member will then review the current symptoms and contact questions with the camper and parent/guardian. All answers must be no for camper to be allowed to check-in.
 - o Campers with COVID Symptoms or a temperature over 100.4 will be required to leave camp and remain at home until they have received two negative COVID tests 24 hours apart or 10 days have passed without symptoms.

MASK WEARING AND PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- Cloth face coverings required while indoors, or participating in outdoor activities where 6' distancing may be impossible.
- Campers will not be required to wear a face mask while swimming or eating.
- It will be recommended for campers to bring a few face coverings with them each day. Camp will have extra available as needed.

ENVIRONMENT	STAFF	CAMPERS	PARENTS/VISITORS
Indoor Activities	Required	Required	N/A
Swimming	Not Required	Not Required	N/A
Meals w/ Physical Distancing	Not Required	Not Required	N/A
Outside w/ Physical Distancing	Not Required	Not Required	Required
Check-In/Check-Out	Required	Required	Required

INCREASED CLEANING AND SANITIZING

- The Day Camp Office will be limited to the Camp Leadership Team and Health Officers, in addition to campers in need of First Aid. This space will be cleaned and sanitized daily by Program Staff.
- Day Camp Bathrooms will be cleaned daily by Housekeeping staff.
- Day Camp Changing Rooms will be cleaned between groups by campers and counselors.
- Program Areas will be cleaned by Program Staff as appropriate based on usage.
- Campers and staff will have regular access to hand washing and/or sanitizing supplies. Additional handwashing and sanitation stations are being added to camp.
- All campers and staff will be encouraged to wash hands or sanitize before and after activities, meals and during transition times.

MODIFIED CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES

- Check-in and check-out will consist of drive-thru with stations. Parents/guardians and non-campers will be asked to stay in vehicle.
- Additional signage and directional cones will guide cars through each point.
- Full completion of paperwork before first day of day camp will be highly recommended to expedite check-in process.
- Parents/guardians and campers will be asked to wear face masks during the entire check-in and check-out.

MEALS AND SNACKS

- Campers will bring their own lunches with them each day.
- Cohorts will be spread over multiple meal times.
- Campers will still eat with their cohort groups as has always been our tradition.
- Additional outdoor dining locations will be available, along with limiting capacity in the pavillion.
 - o Where possible, and weather permitting, campers will eat outdoors

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

INCLEMENT WEATHER/EMERGENCIES

- Each group will have an assigned indoor space to utilize during inclement weather.
- For severe weather, when a tornado shelter is necessary, each group will have a designated area within the shelter area, where physical distancing will be possible.
- Camp's Emergency Action Plan has been modified so that each emergency plan can adhere as best as possible to the physical distancing and other COVID mitigation strategies.
- Campers will practice Tornado and Fire drills so that they understand how to respond in these situations.