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## **2021 Summer Camp FAQ's for Parents**

**Below is a list of Frequently Asked Questions that we at the Y are anticipating. It is not an exhaustive list but one that we feel is comprehensive. It is a working document and will be located on the Y's website at <https://nmymca.org/camps>**

**Q: How will staff training be any different this year to meet the guidelines set by local and state health officials?**

**A:** Pre camp staff training will consist of both virtual and in person training. Topics such as small group management, rainy day activities as well as the importance of social distancing as best we can this summer are just a few of the training topics covered. Additionally, staff will be trained on safe practices as it relates to hand hygiene, sanitation (cleaning and disinfecting policies), use of a mask (for staff) when social distancing is not possible, and illness policies outlined in the NH Universal Guidelines.

**Q: What is your communication plan to parents in the event there is a report made of a positive case of COVID-19 this summer by a camper and/or staff member?**

**A:** Upon notification by local and/or state health officials of a positive case by a camper and/or staff member, an email to all camp families will be sent out.

**Q: What if someone who lives outside of our household notifies me that they have a confirmed case of COVID-19, who should I notify at your camp?**

**A:** Please contact the Camp Director as soon as possible:

Tiffany Joslin (Camp Sargent) at [tjoslin@nmymca.org](mailto:tjoslin@nmymca.org)

Tracy Beauregard (Sports Camp) at [tbeauregard@nmymca.org](mailto:tbeauregard@nmymca.org)

Kristen Capriotti (Camp Create) at [kcapiotti@nmymca.org](mailto:kcapiotti@nmymca.org).

After receiving such news, the Camp Director will notify the YMCA Chief Operating Officer and a call will be made to The Bureau of Infection Disease Control (BIDC) at 603-271-4496. The YMCA will then follow their instructions for any and all next steps.

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**Q: To cut down on chances of exposure will my child be in the same group with the same counselor as long as they are coming to camp for this summer?**

**A:** Yes, whenever possible! This is something that we have always tried our best to do in years past for consistency purposes between the campers, staff and parents. Our intention is to do this but at times there *might* be scenarios where it is not possible.

**Q: What is your plan for daily health screenings for staff and campers?**

**A:** Upon arrival at camp, ALL staff and campers will be asked if they are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, sore throat and/or fever). Their temperature will be taken with a touchless thermometer. "fever" per the state guidelines are identified as 100.4 or higher. In this event, multiple thermometers will be used for confirmation. The first two staff to arrive will take each other's temperature and answer the short questionnaire, daily.

**Q: What will happen if a camper or staff member has a fever upon entering the building/camp?**

**A:** Anybody with a fever will be sent home immediately. Please note that a "fever" is considered to be 100.4 per state guidelines. In this event, multiple thermometers will be used for confirmation. Please understand that while we recognize this may be an interruption to your day, we are enforcing both local and state guidelines to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

**Q: How long do I have to wait after my child has a fever of 100.4 or higher and/or other symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, sore throat) before he/she can return to camp?**

**A:** Per state guidelines, "person(s) with suspect or confirmed COVID-19 must stay out of day camp until symptom-based criteria are met for discontinuation of isolation:

1. At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared

**AND**

2. At least 2 days (48 hours) have passed since recovery (recovery is defined as resolution of fever off any fever reducing medications plus improvement in other symptoms)."

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**Q: What is the plan if a camper or staff member feel ill while at camp?**

**A:** Per state guidelines, “any person that develops symptoms of COVID-19 while at the day camp should be masked if they are over 2 years of age, removed from contact with others, and be immediately sent home.”

**Q: What is the plan for keeping as much of the facility being used as disinfected and sanitized as possible?**

**A:** Per state guidelines, staff will carry all equipment needed for the day, with them. Any items that cannot be easily cleaned and disinfected will not be used. Groups will use the same space for “down time”, snack and lunch whenever possible. Staff will also carry their own cleaning and disinfecting products and clean each space, equipment and supplies as best as possible before they leave a particular space.

**Q: What is the Y’s policy on masks this summer?**

**A:** We will be following all state guidelines in regards to masks. We will be sure to notify all campers prior to coming to camp in a town hall meeting of all of our updated safety protocols. No decision on mask wearing had been made at this time.

**Q: Will you have an adequate amount of hand washing stations to be able to accommodate all campers and staff?**

**A:** Yes, that is our intention. We have at least doubled the number of sanitizing stations at all of our facilities and added portable handwashing stations where we felt it was necessary.

**Q: How do you plan to socially distance on rainy days?**

**A:** Great questions! Our intention is to keep campers/staff at a 6’ distance from one another. However, that’s an abnormal concept for children in a high activity environment. On rainy days (every day for that matter), staff are going to do their best to promote social distancing amongst their campers but in the event, it is not possible then staff will wear a mask.

**Q: Will my child still be able to participate in all typical camp activities, such as boating, archery, and swimming?**

**A:** Yes, these activities (mainly at Camp Sargent) will still take place but with modifications to meet the state guidelines set for Day Camps this summer.

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**Q: What happens when my child leaves one camp for a week, and goes to another camp? Will they be put back with the same counselor when they return?**

**A:** Whenever possible, yes! This is something that we have always tried our best to do in years past for consistency purposes between the campers, staff and parents. Our intention is to do this but at times there *might* be scenarios where it is not possible.

**Q: Can my child still attend camp if a member of our household has tested positive for COVID-19?**

**A:** Anyone who has had contact with someone confirmed or probable to have COVID-19, must complete isolation or quarantine procedures in coordination with the local health department prior to returning to the program. All suspected or confirmed cases should be communicated to your YMCA director.

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**Q: If someone in my child's group (staff or camper) tests positive or is suspected of having COVID-19, will my child be forced to stay home for the remainder of the week?**

**A:** Any concerns will be handled by our camp directors and our COVID coordinator, and impacted families will be contacted directly to discuss what further steps need to be taken based on state and local health department guidelines.

**Q: What if I sign my child up for summer learning program(s)? Would they be able to attend while at camp?**

**A:** Each camp will have a designated space for children who attend online school programs only? However, we ask that you make the Camp Director aware of this at least one week in advance so that considerations can be made to have a quiet, comfortable and supervised space available for your child.

**Q: What happens if I cancel a week of camp? Do I get my deposit back?**

**A: If you decide to cancel a week of camp you will not be given your deposit back. The only reason a deposit would be give back is if the camp cancelled the camp week your child was attending. Your deposit may be used at the discretion of the camp director for any future balances.**

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**Q: How will pick up and drop off work this year? Is it still the same procedure?**

**A: Camp Create at the Merrimack YMCA** – Drop off and pickup will be the same as last year but Camp Sargent and Sports Camp at Westwood Park will be slightly different. The main reason for this is so camp drop off and pick up is done with parents/guardians staying in their cars. This is for convenience, efficiency and to follow the safety guidelines from the state to help prevent the spread of COVID, by socially distancing.

**Camp Sargent on Lake Naticook** – Drop off and pick up will be done by driving in our new ONE WAY ENTRANCE. You will drive all the way down past the main gate to enter this year. You will drive down the long driveway to front field. Parents will stay in their vehicle as camp staff will assist your child in and out of it. Afterwards please go slowly out the exit only outlet. No one will be permitted in to the building except for staff and campers.

**Sports Camp at the Westwood Park YMCA** – Drop off and pick up will be done by driving around the building to the doors on the side. Parents will stay in their vehicle as camp staff will assist your child in and out of it. No one will be permitted into the building except for staff and campers.

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