

Covid-19 Procedures and Precautions

For day camps to operate as safely as possible, our staff members and families will need to play a key role in risk mitigation. Many infected individuals will never experience any symptoms and others may only experience mild cold-like symptoms. While COVID-19 can cause severe disease in children and adolescents, as a whole they are more likely than adults to experience only mild symptoms or no symptoms at all. Due to the potential for asymptomatic transmission to occur, other precautions such as mask and social distancing are key since nobody knows whether or not they could be infectious and potentially infecting those around them at any given time.

Monitoring Symptoms of COVID-19

The expectation is that parents will screen their children at home before arriving at camp. Children with a fever or other COVID-19 symptoms should stay home. Staff is required to do the same.

Daily Health Screening

Parent/caregiver will have to complete a health check for their child each morning at drop-off. The daily health question asked will be:

1. Has your child felt unwell in the last 3 days? (fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste and smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea)

Health Screen Protocol and Communication

If someone becomes symptomatic or a confirmed case onsite:

1. All individuals involved will be asked to put on a mask.
2. Then they will be moved to a designated room or area at camp.
3. The local health department will be contacted and directives will be implemented.
4. The parent/caregivers will be contacted for those campers directly involved.
 - a. If your child is showing symptoms you will be asked to pick them up within 1 hour of our call.
 - b. We will protect the privacy of the individual(s) that has symptoms.
5. All camp parents/caregivers will be emailed regarding the nature of the exposure and the directives given by the health department.

Reporting symptoms/positive test outside of camp

1. Parents/Caregivers/Staff should report illness if anyone in their household shows symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19.
2. Please email spnc@sevenponds.org with subject line: COVID Exposure Report.
3. Please provide camper's name and details of exposure/symptoms/positive test.
4. We will contact the health department for next steps.
5. Parents will be emailed with the details and the nature of the exposure and the directives given by the health department.

Physical Distancing and Camp Space

- Camp will be entirely outdoors. Unless inclement weather.
- There will be up to 14 campers per group with one naturalist. The groups will remain together in the morning, and all groups will be in shared outdoor space in the afternoon.
- Groups will be assigned base camps throughout Seven Ponds' grounds.

Mask Policy

Masks are an additional step to help slow the spread of COVID-19 when combined with every day preventives actions and physical distancing in public settings.

Masks will be required when:

- If assumed to have symptoms at camp or as a precautionary measure if exposed.

Please send your child to camp each day with a couple masks as a just in case.

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