

# CAMP CLAIRE

## Pandemic Protocols In Place For Summer 2021

We are looking forward to having you all here at Camp Claire for Summer Camp 2021!

Knowing the Camp Claire community, we are excited for the new traditions that were created this year because the Camp Claire family perseveres! We are comforted by the strength of Camp Claire connections and friendships which support each of us.

We are excited to welcome campers back this summer for Camp Claire's 105th season. We have been working with health professionals to ensure the safety of our campers and staff. Our plan for summer 2021 combines Camp Claire's values with the lessons we are learning from camps that opened safely in 2020 and, as they become available, new recommendations.

All current recommendations for a safe summer advocate the need for a "closed" campus – where staff and campers remain at Camp the duration of the session and anyone entering is tested and quarantined as necessary.

We want you to know our biggest goal for Summer 2021 is to still keep camp, camp. While COVID-19 has entered into every part of our lives, we still want the focus of your camper's summer to be friends and fun!

Additional information appears below for Summer 2021 protocols please read and review the information with your camper. These changes are to help everyone stay safe and healthy so camp can run all summer long.

As the summer progresses, most communication will be sent via email. Please go on to your CampBrain account and verify that all contact information is correct and up to date. It is also important that all forms are completed, including the new COVID-19 Release Form.

We will be requiring all campers to have written proof of a negative Covid-19 test prior to the start of the session, and the completion of a Pre-Camp Health Screening Form, in addition to daily health screening while at camp.

## OUT OF STATE CAMPERS

The Connecticut Travel Advisory requires visitors to Connecticut from Affected States or Affected Countries to self-quarantine for a period of ten (10) days from the time they were last in the Affected State or the Affected Country.

Affected Traveler is exempt from the self-quarantine requirement if the Affected Traveler (1) has had a test for COVID-19 in the seventy-two (72) hours prior to arrival in Connecticut or at any time following arrival in Connecticut, (2) the result of such COVID-19 test is negative, and (3) he or she has provided written proof of such negative test result to the Commissioner of Public Health via email to: [DPH.COVID-Travel@ct.gov](mailto:DPH.COVID-Travel@ct.gov) or via facsimile to: (860) 326-0529.

**CAMP CLAIRE IS REQUIRING ALL CAMPERS AND STAFF TO PROVIDE A NEGATIVE COVID-19 TEST PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT CAMP AND WRITTEN PROOF FOR NEGATIVE TEST RESULTS MUST BE UPLOADED TO CAMPDOC PRIOR TO ARRIVAL.**

If the camper comes from out of state, please be sure to provide written proof of such negative test results to the Commissioner of Public Health via email to: [DPH.COVID-Travel@ct.gov](mailto:DPH.COVID-Travel@ct.gov) as well. Additionally, we are requiring campers and staff to quarantine for the 10 days prior to arriving at camp. These protocols meet the CT Travel Advisory requirements, We thank you for your cooperation and additional preparation to ensure our summer fun can go on safely!

# POTENTIAL CASE OF COVID-19 POLICY

## A HEALTHY CAMP BEGINS AT HOME

**CAMPER FAMILIES WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE PRE-CAMP HEALTH SCREENING DOCUMENT AND BRING IT WITH THEM WHEN THEY CHECK IN TO CAMP.**

If there has been any potentially contagious illness or COVID-19 in the household prior to camp or direct exposure, contact camp for instructions. Once at camp, campers will be required to stay with their cabin groups during classes, meals, and freetime. Campers will only interact with other groups at camp during afternoon and evening programs with social distancing in place to reduce the chance of spread. Temperatures will be taken twice daily and recorded for all campers and staff. A nurse will remain on site throughout the camp session.

## CAMPER OR STAFF PRESENTS FEVER OR OTHER COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

If a camper or summer staffer has a temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or more, or one or more of the related symptoms, they will be isolated and evaluated immediately:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

*This list does not include all possible symptoms.  
CDC will continue to update this list as we learn more about COVID-19.*

# POTENTIAL CASE OF COVID-19 POLICY

## **CAMPER OR STAFF PRESENTS FEVER OR OTHER COVID-19 SYMPTOMS**

**Individuals who present with a fever will be isolated immediately in our separate COVID-19 cabin and evaluated for symptoms.** The parents will be contacted immediately and asked to pick up the child and take them home as soon as possible, but no later than 8 hours following the initial phone call. The local health department will also be contacted. Camp will provide an N95 mask for the camper to wear home and one for the parent, should they not have access to an N95 mask.

## **WE WILL REQUIRE THAT YOU ARRANGE TO HAVE YOUR CHILD TESTED AND INFORM CAMP OF THE RESULTS IMMEDIATELY.**

Should a camper in the cabin group test positive, it is our policy to notify all parents and staff who are a part of the group and require them to depart from camp. Parents will be instructed to come to camp within 8 hours to pick up their campers. Staff will be instructed to depart camp as soon as all campers from the group have departed. This policy is designed to keep camp safe and healthy and not spread the virus. It also emphasizes the importance of good hygiene practices prior to camp and during the camp session.

The same testing process is in place for staff. If a staff member associated with a group presents symptoms, the DPH Epidemiology and Emerging Infection Program and our local health department will be contacted for further instruction and they will be isolated and depart camp as soon as possible. If the test results are positive, we will inform the parents of campers within the group and ask them to come and pick them up from camp within 8 hours of the phone call.

## AFTER CAMP FOR ALL CAMPERS

Following camp, it is highly recommended campers self-isolate for a two week period to ensure they have not contracted COVID-19 and to remain distant from anyone in the household who may have increased risk factors.

The above processes are drawn from guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Camp Association's Field Guide for Camps on Implementation of CDC Guidance, our local health department and our team of camp medical experts.

## CABINS

For Summer 2021, cabins will be at half-capacity. For some cabin layouts, this will mean only 6-14 campers per cabin (where there had been up to 20). This will allow for 6-feet between campers while sleeping and with 2-3 staff members per cabin, each cabin will follow the Office of Early Childhood Coronavirus Memo #15 and Executive Order #7Q. It will be very important that each camper's belongings can be stored in **under-the-bed containers with a height no greater than 13 inches**. Additionally, campers should have enough laundry for the duration of their stay. Please make sure you send a **non-mesh laundry bag** with your camper.

## DAILY ACTIVITIES AND CLASSES

Different than past summers at Camp Claire, campers will eat and participate in activities within their small cabin groups. Under the guidelines put forth by both the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Camp Association (ACA) this practice is highly recommended. Summer camp activities will proceed as usual, with activities such as Arts and Crafts, Camp Craft, and Ropes happening outdoors. At activities such as sailing, canoeing and archery where equipment is needed, equipment will not be shared during use and will be cleaned in between cabin groups. This is to help lower the risk of cross-contamination. Additionally, each camper will be assigned a life jacket (or they are welcome to bring their own) which will travel with them to each water activity and will be hung outside their cabin. Any all-camp activities, including afternoon and evening program, flagpole, and Vespers, will proceed normally but with social distancing between groups and face-coverings will be worn.

## FACE COVERINGS

Camp will be able to provide some face coverings but your camper is encouraged to pack several of their own.

**We strongly recommend each camper bring a package of 30-50 disposable masks to ensure comfort and hygiene, especially when it is a big sweat day!**

## CHECK-IN

NOTE: **Please be prepared with face coverings for all family members in the vehicle\***, as well as campers. Staff will be wearing face coverings, too.

NOTE: All individuals entering camp property will be required to have their temperature checked upon arrival.

NOTE: **\*We ask that only one family member accompany their camper on drop off and pick up day.**

- Each camper family will be **assigned a check-in time** for Sunday between 2:00pm and 4:00pm.
- You will receive this time the week prior to your camper's session. It is very important that you arrive at camp at this time. The gate will be closed to all guests unless it is your time to check-in.
- When you arrive, staff will guide your vehicle to the designated drop-off area.
- Upon arrival, we ask you and your camper(s) to **check in with the Director and Registrar at the Check-in Table** where you will be greeted and directed to go with your camper to the nurses cabin porch.
- **Once you have checked in with the nurse, please say goodbye to your camper and a Counselor will be at the designated drop off area to meet your camper.**

NOTE: Please pack your camper's under-the-bed tubs in the trunk of the car, as staff will assist your camper in the removal and precautionary sanitizing of these items.

## CLEANING AND MEALS

Campers will be asked to do daily sweeping, trash-removal and cleaning of their cabin areas. Each building, cabin and bathhouse will be cleaned and disinfected by trained staff.

Meals will also look slightly different this summer. Instead of eating family style in the dining hall, there will be designated outside and inside areas for each cabin group to eat. These will be exclusive to each group to help prevent cross-contamination. If a camper has dietary needs, meals will be packaged separately and delivered with the group's meal. Campers and staff will eat every meal with their designated cabin groups.

## RAINY DAY PROCEDURE

If there is inclement weather and campers do need to be inside they will go to either their cabin or a building assigned exclusively to the group for the duration of the camp session. The small groups will be split up to these areas by cabin to limit the indoor gatherings of 10 people or less. Staff and campers will be asked to wear a face covering during this inside time.

## PACKAGES AND PHOTOS

**For Summer 2021, Camp Claire will not be accepting any camper packages due to COVID-19.** Daily mail of small letters and cards will still be accepted. If your camper has forgotten an important item please email [director@campclaire.org](mailto:director@campclaire.org) and call the office at (860) 434-0368, we will work with you to get this item to your camper.

Photos from each session will continue to be made available through our Smugmug account. The account login and password will be provided upon pickup at the end of the session for you to access session photos.

## PICK-UP

Pick-up will be scheduled for between 2:00pm and 4:00pm on Friday afternoons. To allow for optimal cleaning and airing out time of cabins between camper groups, 2-week camp sessions will end on Fridays. Campers will have their luggage with them at the front gate for pick-up. We will ask that family members stay in their vehicles during this time. Staff will help with the loading of the under-the-bed boxes.

**We ask that only one family member accompany their camper on drop off and pick up day.**

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Again, following camp pick up, it is highly recommended campers self-isolate for a two week period to ensure they have not contracted COVID-19 and to remain distant from anyone in the household who may have increased risk factors. The above processes are drawn from guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Camp Association's Field Guide for Camps on Implementation of CDC Guidance, our local health department and our team of camp medical experts.

**THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND FLEXIBILITY  
IN THIS, WE UNDERSTAND HOW DIFFICULT THESE  
MONTHS CONTINUE TO BE. IF THERE IS SOMETHING WE  
MISSED OR YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, PLEASE  
EMAIL US AT [INFO@CAMPCLAIRE.ORG](mailto:INFO@CAMPCLAIRE.ORG).**

