



Summer Camp 2021

COVID Safety

Dear Families,

We know this pandemic has been stressful and recognize that socializing and interacting with peers can be a healthy way for children to cope with stress and connect with others, particularly after spending quite a bit of time at home.

As day camps have been allowed to reopen in California, we are excited to let you know we will be resuming camp and we have developed a Upstage Summer Camp COVID19 prevention and management plan for our camp and would like to share the key aspects below.

This plan was developed after reviewing the CDC, California and Los Angeles County and Ventura County guidelines for the reopening of day camps, and careful thought and planning in consultation with a public health specialist at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

We want to reassure parents that by having this plan in place, in the unexpected event that a staff member or student tests positive during the session the camp will be able to stay open for the remainder of the session. Also, all staff members will be trained on the COVID19 protocols before camp begins to ensure full understanding and compliance during the camp sessions.

COVID19 Prevention Plan Summary

Staff:

- All staff members will be screened prior to entering the facility as appropriate including a symptom screening. They will distance at least six feet from the campers at all times and wear a mask unless they are eating or drinking, which will occur away from the classes and campers. Most of our staff have been vaccinated, adding an extra layer of protection.

- During the camp session, we have designated a staff person that will be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns and will have our public health specialist on-call as well to answer questions. Please find your designated staff member below:

Westside Camps: Jillian Marchlewski (323) 496-6150
South Pasadena Camps: Tara Kawakami (626) 399-3826
Conejo Valley Camps: Danielle McFadden (646) 345-6036

They have all been trained on protocols and what to do in the event that a camper becomes ill at camp and will coordinate their care with our COVID Safety Officer Dr. Kay Hooshmand.

Campers:

- Upon arrival at the drop-off location, all campers will be screened in their car, including a symptom screening asking if they have a fever over 100.4 F, new cough from baseline, vomiting or diarrhea. We will also be asking if anyone in their household has travelled to an area or country with a high COVID19 rate.
 - We ask that you help us protect the health of campers this summer. Anyone who is sick or was sick with COVID-19 or recently in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days— including staff, campers, and families— should not come to camp. Be on the lookout for symptoms of COVID-19, which include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, and loss of taste or smell. Call your doctor if you think you or a family member is sick. You will be asked symptom monitoring questions every morning prior to camp before being allowed to enter the building.
- All campers will be masked during the camp, unless they are eating or drinking, which will happen outside and distanced from each other.
- After entering the building all campers will be directed to wash their hands before joining their group. Promoting healthy hygiene practices by teaching campers the importance of washing their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, monitoring campers to make sure they are washing their hands, providing campers with hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol when they don't have easy access to soap and water, and encouraging children to cover their coughs and sneezes with a tissue or to use the inside of their elbow.
- We will be keeping campers in stable groups of 30 students or less per two staff members, per Los Angeles County and Ventura County guidelines where they will be 3 feet physically distanced within their stable group and the staff will be 6 feet physically distanced from the kids. All eating will take place outdoors.
- If a child does get sick at camp, we have identified an area where they can rest, be watched after, and safely isolated from others. They will remain in the isolation room until they can be transported home or to a healthcare facility, as soon as practicable. We will communicate with parents or caretakers directly and, if necessary, arrange for

the child to be taken to a healthcare facility for care. We are registered with the Los Angeles County Department of Health and the Ventura County of Department of Health, which will actively guide us if a child should become ill while attending camp. We will notify families that a child has tested positive, but this will not prompt closure of a camp as no other campers will be exposed.

Facility:

- We will be intensifying cleaning and disinfection practices within our facilities and premises by using disinfecting wipes on highly touched surfaces such as door handles and cleaning on a frequent basis.
- Ventilation of the areas will be maximized and occupancy of the rooms kept low in order to prevent crowding.

For more information and in-depth review of the requirements we are following please click on this link below:

LA County guidelines:

http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/docs/protocols/Reopening_DayCamps.pdf

Thank you for your help to make this summer fun and memorable for all of our campers!

Best regards,
Julie & Adrian