

Tamarack Day Camp

Covid - 19 Guide





Summer 2020 will look different this summer, but it will still be an amazing camp season! The health and safety of our camp families and staff is our utmost priority and we take these circumstances very seriously. We are continuously monitoring guidance from the CDC, the American Camp Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the NJ Department of Health to help outline our summer program. Listed below are our updated precautions and adjustments and important questions we have been answering.



What should parents do every morning before sending their child to camp?

Please screen your child in the morning for the following symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Loss of taste or smell

Campers will also be screened before they get on the bus or enter camp when dropped off by a parent.

All persons must be temperature screened and visually assessed daily before being admitted to camp or onto the bus.

Anyone with a fever of 100.0 or higher will not be permitted in camp or onto the bus.



What are the new sanitization protocols?

Hand-washing stations will be placed throughout camp and campers will be sanitizing their hands in between activities. All equipment will be sanitized in between group use. Lunch and picnic tables will have plastic covers and be sanitized after every use. Backpack sprayers will sanitize playground equipment.



How will camp be social distancing?

Campers and counselors will be in consistent groups and will remain at least 6 feet apart from other groups.



How will social distancing happen during lunch?

Dining areas will have groups spaced at least 6 feet apart. We will be eating in shifts and using our Lunch Tent and New Pavilion to space groups as needed.

Is it possible to have SWIM at camp this summer and is it safe for kids to be in the pool?

Yes! The CDC reported that chlorine and sunlight kill the virus and there is no evidence that COVID-19 can be spread through the use of pools. Swim periods will be limited to 4 groups in small pools and 8 groups in large pools. Swim groups will remain consistent as much as possible with the same assigned swim instructor. Swim groups must remain 6 feet apart while in the pool area.

How will the bus transportation work this year?

Buses will be sanitized prior to morning and afternoon routes and campers will wear a mask and distance on bus. Bus counselors will be taking camper's temperature prior to getting on the bus, along with performing a verbal questionnaire. If a camper has a temperature of 100.0 or higher, is exhibiting any symptoms, or answers "YES" to any question on the questionnaire, they will not be permitted on the bus.

Will groups be smaller this year?

YES! Groups will average from 10-12 campers with 2 counselors.



Will campers still have access to water stations throughout camp?

Absolutely! Water will be available all throughout camp as always. Staff will assist in providing campers sanitizer before touching water station surfaces.

What will rainy days look like?

Based in current group sizes and protocols, we have enough indoor and sheltered space to run camp with one group at an indoor activity at a time, while avoiding close contact.

Will camp still offer the indoor activities from the previous years?

YES! Previously indoor activities will now be held outdoor as much as possible in shaded areas. Materials will be provided to campers in individual packets to reduce the spread of germs.

Will there be teen trips?

No. As of now, there are no off-site trips. If at some point the CDC deems they are safe, then we will make decisions accordingly.

Will there be Tamapalooza?

OF COURSE! It will be virtual and fabulous as always!



Will intercamp sports occur this summer?

Unfortunately, no. We are taking social distancing very seriously for the safety of our campers and staff.

Will campers and staff be wearing masks at camp?

No masks will be required during outdoor activities.

What if someone tests positive?

The following is the best info we can ascertain from the CDC and Dept. of Health on this:

- **Person A Positive Case:** Must isolate until fever free for 3 days without medication. Can be readmitted to camp with a negative COVID test.
- **Person B Contact:** Contact is defined as close contact or casual contact. Close contact is considered medium risk, casual contact is low risk.
 - **CLOSE CONTACT** are individuals who were within 6 feet of a confirmed COVID-19 case for a prolonged period of time (approximately 15 minutes or more)
 - Should remain home, practice social distancing, and monitor for symptoms
 - Some examples of close contact include:
 - Living in the same household and sharing common spaces (bathrooms, kitchen, living spaces, etc.) with a sick person with COVID-19
 - Caring for a sick person with COVID-19
 - Being in direct contact with secretions from a sick person with COVID-19 which could include being coughed on, kissing, sharing utensils, etc.
 - **CASUAL CONTACT** is defined as being in the same indoor environment (e.g., classroom, office, gathering) with a symptomatic confirmed COVID-19 case.
 - No special precautions other than what is generally suggested (e.g., social distancing, wash hands often) would be recommended.
- **Person C:** contact with a contact. **UNLESS** Person B gets sick - - Person C doesn't have to do anything.



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We will be monitoring closely to make sure there is no close contact at camp and we remain outdoors as much as possible. If we think there is a case of close contact, we will inform parents and they can monitor for symptoms. Any missed days of camp will be credited to the following year. If you have a close contact in your household or a family member tests positive, you must keep your child home for at least a week to make sure they do not show symptoms and they can be readmitted to camp with a negative test.

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