

Mississippi Valley Council

2021 Camp Health Plan Addendum

The following guidelines will be in place due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Mississippi Valley Council takes the health and safety of all of its camp participants, staff members and visitors very seriously and has implemented the following guidelines to mitigate the risk of spreading or contracting COVID-19. A zero tolerance is in effect and anyone not adhering will be dismissed from camp.

Individuals age 65 and older or those with chronic health conditions that put them at higher risk for complications in the event of contracting COVID-19 should carefully consider their risk of attending camp during the current pandemic.

Despite our best attempt to mitigate the transfer of COVID-19 at camp or scouting functions, we cannot guarantee the absence of risk in contracting the SARS-COV-2 virus.

Guidelines may be updated at any time based on national, state and local health regulations and recommendations.

1. All camp participants, staff members and visitors will undergo a detailed health screening upon entering camp. This will include a body temperature reading and symptom questionnaire.
2. Any camp participant, staff member or visitor who has a temperature of 100.4 degrees F/38.0 degrees C or greater, has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 10 days, answers yes to any of the screening questions or has been directed to quarantine will not be allowed to enter camp.
3. Any camp participant, staff member or visitor who develops a temperature of 100.4 degrees F/38 degrees C or greater or who develops symptoms as outlined on the questionnaire will be immediately sent home without exception. It is recommended the individual contact their health provider.
4. Face masks are to be worn covering both mouth and nose at all times when not in an individual's tent or cabin if a social distance of 6 feet cannot be maintained.
5. Unit leaders should screen their unit members daily and report any positive symptoms to the Camp Health Officer or Camp Director immediately. Staff members will be screened daily.
6. Any individual with known direct contact within 6 feet for 15 minutes or longer to anyone with an active COVID-19 infection within the last 14 days should not enter camp.
7. Social distancing at a minimum of 6 feet will be enforced. Group size will be limited based on current guidelines. Gatherings of more than 30 individuals not associated with camp program or unit activities are not allowed.
8. Frequent hand washing is essential and shall be enforced. Hand sanitizer will be readily available.

9. Camp participants will need to tent alone or with immediate family within safe scouting guidelines.
10. All dining activities will be followed as outlined by the Camp Director.
11. Camp participants will be expected to remain within their designated cohort group.
12. All program areas may open or close based upon current risk and guidelines. This may include but is not limited to the pool or swimming area, playground, gaga pit, human foosball, climbing and bouldering wall, COPE course, waterfront and fire rings.
13. All program and gathering areas will be cleaned with either soap and water or disinfectant as appropriate prior to and after each meeting or session.

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Camp Health Staff guidelines

1. Individuals evaluated in the health lodge shall maintain social distancing. Youth protection guidelines shall be followed.
2. Camp health staff shall use personal protective equipment (PPE) including a face mask and face shield when evaluating individuals with COVID-19 symptoms. These symptoms could include fever, chills, cough, dyspnea, sore throat, headache, back or muscle aches, confusion, recent loss of taste or smell, loose stools, nausea or vomiting.
3. Universal precautions apply as usual.
4. Hand washing prior to and after the examination and treatment of an individual is essential.
5. The examination table or bed, equipment and exam area will be wiped down with disinfectant after each visit.
6. Any camp participant or staff member who becomes symptomatic will be sent home immediately and the Camp Director notified. The individual will be isolated in the health lodge in a preselected area until transportation is available. The individual should be referred to his/her health care provider for further evaluation and treatment. Emergency care protocols are to be followed for serious or life threatening signs and symptoms.
7. Other camp participants or staff with direct contact with an individual who becomes ill should be closely monitored for the development of symptoms. This would include body temperature readings and screening questionnaire.
8. The council health advisor, Dr. Doug Peters, may be contacted with any questions at 319-759-6093. If not immediately available, the local health department may be contacted. No individual dismissed from camp due to illness may return to camp prior to having a medical evaluation and all signs and symptoms have been resolved for a minimum of 24 hours. Final decision will be made by the council health advisor and/or camp director.

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