

Camp Schuylkill Health Guidelines

Dear families,

We are excited to have your child(ren) joining us for camp this summer. We believe that time spent outside, especially now, is vital for both children and adults. It is also, however, of utmost importance to us that we are doing our part to keep both our staff and campers safe. We will be following guidelines set out by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as from the American Camp Association (ACA) and the PA Department of Human Services (DHS). We ask that you please read through the following protocols and reach out to us at camp@schuylkillcenter.org with any questions that you may have. We are looking forward to an adventure-filled yet safe summer.

COVID-19 Waiver

- All families will be required to sign a [COVID-19 waiver](#) prior to bringing their child to camp. Electronic waivers will be emailed to families and blank copies will be available at the temperature screening locations.

Masks

- Our staff will wear masks throughout the day, with the exception of lunchtime and water breaks.
- Children must come to camp with a face mask. As per the PA Secretary of Health's order dated July 1, campers will be required to wear masks at all times except: lunchtime, snack time, water breaks, and any time they are more than 6 feet away from other people.

Disinfecting Surfaces

- Staff will disinfect high-touch surfaces such as door handles, water fountains, light switches, and trash cans throughout the day using a CDC-approved diluted bleach solution.
- Staff will disinfect bathroom toilets, faucets, and doors after each camp group's use.
- Each camp group will have their own assigned indoor room to use in the case of inclement weather and all surfaces in these rooms will be disinfected at the start and the end of each day.
- There will be assigned sleeping mats for each camper in the 3-5 year old age group and these mats will be disinfected at the end of each camp day.
- A professional cleaning service will clean and disinfect the building at the end of each day.

Temperature Screenings and Health Assessments

- Temperature screenings in addition to a [COVID-19 health assessment](#) will be conducted for both staff and campers at the start of EVERY camp day. We anticipate that drop-off will take longer because of this.
- There will be staggered pickup times for drop-off and pickup to avoid congestion. Please do not bring your child before their scheduled drop-off/pickup time.
 - Families with last names beginning with A-M will drop off at 8:45 AM and pick up at 3:15 PM.
 - Families with last names beginning N-Z will drop off at 9:00 AM and pick up at 3:30 PM.
- ONE parent/guardian must accompany each camper to their temperature screening. Please avoid bringing siblings not in camp to drop-off/pickup *whenever possible*.
- Adults, and any child over two years old, accompanying campers to drop off are required to wear masks.
- Temperature screenings and health assessments will be conducted by camp staff dressed in full PPE.
- There will be a separate temperature screening location for each age group (3-5 year olds, 6-7 year olds, 8-9 year olds, and 10-12 year olds). Please refer to the welcome letter emailed out a week prior to your scheduled camp week for exact temperature screening locations.

- Staff and campers with a temperature of 100.4°F or higher OR that answer “yes” to any of the questions on the COVID-19 health assessment will be asked to stay home from camp, either until their fever has subsided or they can answer “no” to all questions on the COVID-19 screening questionnaire.
- Families should stand at least six feet apart when waiting in line for temperature screenings.

Inclement Weather Pickup and Dropoff

- In the case of inclement weather during drop-off, temperature screenings will be done from cars to avoid a crowded building. Families will DRIVE to the front of the building and remain in their cars. A staff person will greet you at your car and conduct your child’s screening from the car. Another staff person will then walk the camper inside to their group.
- In the case of inclement weather at pickup, families will go to designated doors, depending on their child’s camp group, to avoid overcrowding in the building. Staff will be outside of the building to direct families to the correct pickup location.
 - **3-5 year old Wiggly Worms, Slimy Slugs, and Crawling Caterpillars:** Walk to the back of the building and pick up at the back door of your child’s classroom (classrooms are right past the Rain Garden)
 - **6-7 year old Busy Bees and Dashing Dragonflies:** Walk to the blacktop and enter through the side door to the right
 - **6-7 year old Amazing Ants and 10-12 year olds:** Enter through the front door
 - **8-9 year olds:** Walk to the back of the building from the right side and walk up the staircase

Hand Washing

- Counselors will make sure that all campers are washing their hands for a full 20 seconds after going to the bathroom and before and after eating lunch.
- All counselors will carry a bottle of hand sanitizer and hand soap to use as needed when out on the trails.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be set up in front of each temperature screening location and campers should sanitize their hands prior to having their temperatures checked.

Camp Groups

- Campers will stay with their camp group throughout the day with no intermixing of camp groups.
- Each camp group will have its own assigned drop-off/pick-up location in addition to its own assigned lunch spot.
- Each camp group will have an assigned time to bring the *entire* group to use the bathrooms in the morning as well as before and after lunch. Individual campers can, of course, use the bathrooms outside of these scheduled times. However, these scheduled times are to prevent multiple large groups from using the bathrooms at the same time.
- Camp groups will remain outside as much as possible, but in the event of inclement weather, each camp group will have its own assigned classroom that will be used by just that group throughout the week.
- The same counselors will remain with the camp group throughout the week, except if a counselor calls out sick and must be replaced by another staff person.

Material Sharing

- To avoid the sharing of materials amongst groups, each camp group will have its own set of supplies (e.g., glue sticks, markers, kickballs, etc.) that will remain with that group throughout the week.
- Materials that cannot be properly disinfected (e.g., stuffed animals) will not be used.

- We ask that campers refrain from bringing toys from home. For the 3-5-year-old age group, we ask that campers refrain from bringing materials such as bedding, blankets, and stuffed animals (normally used during nap time) from home.

Adventure Treks

- When on offsite trips, we will minimize contact with people outside of our camp group, and campers will wear masks when in areas where they may come in contact with others (e.g., public restrooms).
- Counselors and campers will wear masks when traveling in vans. Windows will be rolled down when possible to increase air circulation.
- Hard surfaces in van interiors (seats, inside and outside door handles, dashboard, and steering wheel) will be disinfected at the end of each day that vans are used.

Sickness in Staff or Campers

- Any camper or staff member that is sick will be required to stay home as a precaution until symptoms have subsided.
- If a camper begins to show COVID-19 symptoms (coughing, fever, shortness of breath) while at camp, the camper will be isolated and asked to go home to monitor symptoms.
 - Families will be asked to pick up campers that show COVID-like symptoms within the hour, as per the waiver agreement.
 - Other families in that camp group will be notified that a child was showing symptoms and that they should monitor their children as well.

COVID-19

- In the case that your child, someone living in the same household as your child, or someone your child has come in close contact with (less than 6' for five minutes or more) is diagnosed with COVID-19, please alert the camp staff immediately at camp@schuylkillcenter.org.
- In the event that a child tests positive for COVID-19, all camp families will be alerted and children in the sick child's camp group will be asked to quarantine for 14 days. Counselors for the group will also be required to quarantine for 14 days, and will be replaced with substitute counselors. Shared group supplies (e.g., glue sticks, markers, kickballs, etc.) will also be replaced.
- In the event that a counselor tests positive for COVID-19, all camp families registered for that week will be alerted and children in the sick counselor's camp group will be asked to quarantine for 14 days. Counselors for the group will also be required to quarantine for 14 days, and will be replaced with substitute counselors. Shared group supplies (e.g., glue sticks, markers, kickballs, etc.) will also be replaced.

Reimbursement Policy

- In the event that a camper is asked to quarantine because their counselor or a camper in their group has tested positive for COVID-19, we will issue a reimbursement for the missed week(s).
- We are unable to offer reimbursements for camp days missed due to illness, a temperature of 100.4°F or higher, or answering "yes" to any questions on the health assessment.