



Dear JOY Parents,

First and foremost, we hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy! We have received questions from some of you about if and how COVID-19 will affect JOY Summer Camp. We know this pandemic has been stressful to many 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. We are excited to resume camp this summer while still following our local Public Health guidelines and CDC considerations to protect campers, families, and our community.

**The health and safety of our campers and staff remain our highest priority.** Here is a summary of the actions we are taking to help ensure we are lowering COVID-19 risk as much as possible. We are:

- **Sanitizing:** Using appropriate cleaning and disinfection practices within our facilities and premises. This includes cleaning and disinfecting:
  - Transport vehicles after each use.
  - Frequently touched surfaces (such as door handles) on a daily basis.
  - Any items that will be used by all groups across camp throughout the day (such as art supplies, sports equipment, and toys).
  - Ensuring that disinfectants are used in the correct concentrations, and properly stored.
- **Wearing Masks:** All campers and staff are instructed to bring two two-ply masks that can adequately cover both nose and mouth. Masks will only be worn by campers and staff when inside and around other campers and staff who are not in their flock group. *Exception: JOY Jr. campers will not be required to wear a mask during rest time. Instead, rest mats will be properly spaced apart and disinfected after each use.*
- **Using Cohorts and Social Distancing:** We will be keeping participants in small flock groups of 8-9 campers with 1 counselor, and spacing these groups out during most outdoor activities.
  - Limited contact between flock groups will occur only in an outdoor setting, such as at opening and closing ceremonies or in an all-camp game. Masks will be worn by all at these times.
  - When the small flock groups are properly spaced from other small groups and are outdoors, masks may be taken off within the small group.
  - Any time that more than one small group is indoors for an activity, distancing of the groups will be maintained with clearly marked areas and floor tape.
- **Limiting the Sharing of Belongings:** As much as possible, small groups will use their own supplies and materials to limit the number of items that are shared or touched amongst campers and staff. Campers will be instructed to keep their lunches, water bottles, and personal belongings physically separate from other campers' belongings.

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- Practicing Healthy Hygiene: We will promoting healthy hygiene practices by instructing campers in: washing their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, monitoring campers to make sure they are washing their hands, providing 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. Reminder signs about these healthy habits will be posted throughout camp.
- Quarantining sick campers and staff: If a camper does get sick at camp, we have identified an area where they can rest, be watched after, and safely isolate from others. We will promptly communicate with parents or caretakers directly and, if necessary, arrange for the child to be taken to a healthcare facility for care.
- Collecting Camper Information: Please complete and submit all camper forms found on your CampInTouch account. These include the Health History form and COVID-19 Waiver.
- COVID-19 Testing Before Camp: The Teton County Health Department asks that campers be tested for COVID no earlier than the Thursday or Friday before arriving to camp. They recommend either [ordering a free COVID Vault test](#), which arrives at your door and can be sent back via UPS, or by visiting one of the Curative Testing sites (TC Library and Deloney Bus Station). Walk-ins welcome.
- COVID Vaccinations: For the safety of all we highly recommend our campers 12 and older to be vaccinated as well as all parents of our campers. To sign up for a vaccination appointment in [Teton County please click this link](#). Whether your camper has been vaccinated or not please update your camper's Health History form with all the necessary information regarding COVID-19.

**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.

If you have a specific question about this plan or COVID-19, please contact me at 307-734-0388, Ext. 103 for more information. You can also find more information about COVID-19 at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) or on [CDC's website for youth and summer camps \(https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html\)](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html).

We look forward to another joyous summer of fun with all our campers!

Thank you and stay healthy,

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