



# Summer 2021 Camp Procedures

We know that making a decision to enroll your child in camp this summer is not as simple as it used to be, especially considering the unprecedented current events that have caused so much uncertainty in all our lives. Young People's Day Camp has enacted the following procedures to ensure the health and safety of all campers and staff. Young People's Day Camp is committed to staying up-to-date with all guidelines set by the Center for Disease Control and the New York State Department of Health. When necessary, we will update our procedures to align with the most up-to-date guidelines.

## **Before your child begins camp**

### **Prepare**

Please read this entire document before your child's first day of camp. Sign and submit the *Covid-19 Waiver* and the *Parent Attestation Form*, accessible on our website: [YPDC.com/nassau-county-day-camp](http://YPDC.com/nassau-county-day-camp)

### **Face coverings**

Campers must be provided with an appropriate face covering and a sealable bag or container to store the covering when not in use. Please label the container with your child's name and age group. Face coverings must never be shared, even between family members. Young People's Day Camp will only supply disposable face coverings to campers in the event that their home-supplied face covering is lost or damaged.

### **Signs and symptoms of covid-19**

Become familiar with the signs and symptoms of covid-19, which are loss of taste or smell, cough, temp of 100.4° f or more, shortness of breath, and fatigue. If your child is experiencing any of these symptoms, you may not send them to camp.

### **Camper medical forms**

If you cannot make an appointment with your child's physician prior to the camp season, please obtain the latest medical record on file, update any information yourself, and sign and date the form, indicating that the information is current and accurate to the best of your knowledge. All immunizations must be up to date as of the last physical exam.

## **Arrival, Facial coverings, and Physical distance while at camp**

### **Extra time**

You will need to allow for extra time during morning arrival, especially in the early days of the camp season, as we are all adjusting to these new policies and procedures.

Please make every effort to have the same individual drop off and pick up your camper(s) each day. It will allow the process to run more efficiently.

## **Traffic flow**

Each Young People's Day Camp family will be assigned a specific entrance for drop off. This will also be the door you use at dismissal. Please know which entrance you are assigned to. Please follow the traffic patterns of the campus, and all instructions given to you by Young People's Day Camp staff. Parents/guardians, you should not get out of your car at any time when you are on campus, unless instructed to do so by YPDC staff. *If you need to enter the campus for any reason, you will be subject to the same health assessment as your child, you must wear a face covering, and you will be asked to wash your hands upon entering.*

## **Arrival**

Upon arrival at camp, gather your child's belongings, say goodbye to your child, have your child put on their face covering, and await a Young People's Day Camp staff member to open the car door.

## **Health assessment**

A health certified staff member will approach your car, open the door, take your child's temperature, and ask the parent/guardian a series of health assessment questions. Once campers are cleared by staff, they will be escorted to wash their hands, and then proceed to the area designated for morning arrival. A face covering must be worn during arrival, until the camper is at their designated area.

## **Camper "hubs"**

Camper arrival will take place within their designated "hub" space. A "hub" is a designated space for groups that are in cohort, a group in which campers and staff will be staying together almost exclusively during the camp day. Campers and staff may remove their face covering when in their hub, and when they are with their assigned cohort group.

## **Physical distance**

a physical distance of six (6) feet or more and/or the wearing of face coverings will be maintained in all shared spaces.

## **The Camp Day**

### **Cohorts**

Campers will be grouped into cohorts, which are small groups, consisting of up to 15 campers and 1 or 2 counselors that will participate in camp activities together almost exclusively during the camp day.

### **Hand washing and sanitizing**

Hand sanitizing stations will be available throughout the campus. Hand washing is available in all restrooms. Between activities, campers and staff will wash and/or sanitize their hands.

### **Restrooms**

Cohorts will be encouraged to make use of all building restroom, so as to limit the occupancy at all times. Restrooms will be cleaned and disinfected by custodial staff at least every hour.

## **Physical distance**

A physical distance of six (6) feet or more and/or the wearing of face coverings will be maintained in all shared spaces.

Shared spaces and hallways will have tape markings and/or signs with arrows to maintain distance between bi-directional foot traffic in narrow aisles, hallways, or spaces. Signage will be posted, along with distance markers, denoting spaces of 6 ft. in commonly used areas and any areas in which cohorts may congregate (e.g. cafeteria, gym for arrival and dismissal)

## **Camp Programming**

### **What will the camp day look like in summer 2021?**

#### **Activities**

Camp activities will be modified to reduce physical contact between campers, and programming will be focused on including more outdoor activities.

#### **Events and performances**

Camp events and performances will be redesigned to be allow physical distance or will be attended in cohorts. Additional information about specific events and performance schedules will be released as soon as possible.

## **Cleaning and Disinfecting**

All shared areas of camp will be cleaned between groups, including equipment, playgrounds, toys, and multi-use supplies (i.e. Arts & crafts scissors or paint brushes). A rigorous cleaning and disinfecting process, performed by a professional cleaning service, will take place throughout the campus every evening after camp. Custodial staff will be available on campus during the day.

## **Visiting**

Visiting of any kind will be discouraged while camp is in session. Safety protocols will be in place for all vendors, deliveries and other personnel who may need to enter the campus. If you need to pick up your child early, please contact our office at least 30 minutes before you arrive, and follow the same procedure for a normal dismissal, making sure to arrive at your designated egress point.

## **Lunch, Snacks and Beverages**

#### **Lunch**

Campers may bring lunch from home and it will be refrigerated or placed in coolers with ice packs by cohort. Generally, campers will eat in the cafeteria, their hub, or picnic outside. If multiple cohorts are scheduled to eat lunch simultaneously in a shared space, social distancing practices will be in effect. Tables will be cleaned of all food and debris (crumbs, etc.), and then disinfected after each lunch period. Staff and campers will wash/sanitize their hands before and after the lunch period.

Any staff involved in the handling of food and its packaging during lunch time is required to wear gloves. They must wash their hands before putting the gloves on and after they remove the gloves.

### **Snacks**

Pre-packaged, individual serving-size snacks will be available to campers during the day. Staff and campers will wash/sanitize their hands before and after the snack period.

### **Beverage stations**

Water will be provided throughout the camp day. Staff members will serve drinks to campers, as campers will not be permitted to touch the drink containers. Single use cups are available at each beverage station, and campers may also use their own refillable water bottle. A staff member will be available at each beverage station to serve drinks and to refill reusable water bottles.

## **Dismissal**

### **Extra time**

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### **Traffic Flow**

You must arrive at the same egress you used when dropping off your child. Please follow the traffic patterns of the campus, and all instructions given to you by Young People's Day Camp staff. Parents/guardians, you should not get out of your car at any time when you are on campus, unless instructed to do so by Young People's Day Camp staff. *If you need to enter the campus for any reason, you will be subject to the same health assessment as your child, you must wear a face covering, and you will be asked to wash your hands upon entering.*

### **Dismissal**

A Young People's Day Camp staff member will approach the car, and ask for your child's name, and your government-issued photo id to verify that you are an authorized adult. Campers will be escorted to the car by a staff member for dismissal.

Please make every effort to have the same individual drop off and pick up your camper(s) each day. It will allow the process to run more efficiently. Should you need another individual to pick up your child, please inform the camp office prior to dismissal time. The new individual must be listed on the camper release form and have a valid, government-issued photo id.