

## Health Protocols for Summer Camps at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

We remain committed to the safety of visitors, employees, and volunteers and continue to follow health guidelines recommended by the state of Ohio and the Centers for Disease Control.

- Employees and volunteers are required to wear masks at all times and must monitor for health symptoms on a daily basis. We are following social distancing requirements and have increased cleaning.
- Masks are required for children, except children who cannot wear a mask for one of the reasons set out in Ohio's masking order: (<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/publicorders/Directors-Order-Facial-Coverings-throughout-State-Ohio.pdf>)
- Camp area and restroom will be cleaned and disinfected daily, including high touch surfaces.
- Parents must monitor children's symptoms prior to the arrival at camp. Children with symptoms must stay at home. Children that test positive for COVID-19 must stay at home and remain at home until at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared and at least 24-hours with no fever without fever reducing medication and other symptoms are improving.
- Campers will be kept in small groups of 8 children with one or two consistent camp leaders (instructor and adult volunteer).
- Camp participants will remain consistent throughout the camp, and new participants will not be added unless a new participant is from the same household and within the designated age range.
- Each camper will be provided their own kit of supplies which will be labeled and kept onsite during the camp. Other craft supplies provided will be disposable and one-time use.
- Supplies and toys used for camp will be disinfected each day, no soft supplies (such as plush toys, costumes) will be used. Material sharing will be minimized as much as possible.
- Instructors will vigorously wash their hands upon entering a classroom, will frequently wash their hands throughout the camp, including after breaks and upon returning from outside, after toileting or assisting a child with toileting, and prior to departure.
- Children will wash their hands upon arrival and prior to leaving for the day, as well as after toileting, before eating and when visibly soiled. Children will be provided with hand sanitizers when taking part in outdoor activities.
- No food, beverages, or snacks will be provided during the class. Water will be provided in disposable cups and distributed by the teacher. No water bottles will be permitted in the classroom.

Centers for Disease Control guidance for youth summer camps

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html>

Ohio Department of Health guidance for youth day camps

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/dashboards/schools-and-children/child-care-centers-day-camps/child-care-centers-day-camps>

## COVID Positive Test/Symptoms or Exposure Plans

Symptoms of COVID-19 include but are not limited to cough, shortness of breath, or at least two of these conditions: fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell.

- A camper with symptoms of COVID-19 will be brought to a safe area with an instructor and the parent/guardian will be contacted to pick up the child.
- An instructor or child who has had any of the above symptoms and has not been diagnosed with COVID-19, has tested negative for COVID-19, has not been in contact with someone who has COVID-19, or is not reasonably suspected to have COVID-19 may not return until:
  - Symptom-free for at least 24 hours without the use of symptom-reducing medication

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- AND they meet all Ohio Department of Health requirements for exclusion found in JFS 08087 (Communicable Disease Chart)
- OR they have a doctor's note stating they are not contagious and clearing them for return.
- Individuals who developed symptoms after being exposed to someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 or who are reasonably suspected to have COVID-19, but who have not been tested may not return until:
  - They are fever-free (100° F) for at least 3 days without the use of medication
  - AND there is improvement in respiratory symptoms without the use of medication
  - AND other symptoms (chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell) are no longer experienced
  - AND at least 10 days have passed since the symptoms began.
- Instructor who came into close contact with an individual who has COVID-19 symptoms (including instructors who monitor a child isolated for COVID-19 symptoms) may continue to work, but should:
  - Take precautions recommended by the CDC to prevent disease transmission (wear a face covering, stay socially distant as possible, wash hands frequently).
  - Self-monitor for symptoms.
  - If the child or other individual is diagnosed with COVID-19 or is reasonably suspected to have COVID-19, the teacher need not quarantine if masking and social-distancing protocols were observed;
  - If the child or other individual is diagnosed with COVID-19, or is reasonably suspected to have COVID-19, self-quarantine for 10 days, or 7 days with a negative COVID-19 test, if the class participant could not wear a mask or social distance. Consult with Executive Director prior to return.

**Confirmed and Suspected Cases of COVID-19**

- In the event that a child or teacher has a confirmed case of COVID-19, develops symptoms after having close contact with someone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19, or is reasonably suspected to have COVID-19:
  - Preschool classes at that location will be immediately cancelled until the classroom can be appropriately disinfected.
  - Preschool Coordinator will work together with the Executive Director to determine if other areas of the Center need to be closed and disinfected.
  - The local health officials and the Executive Director will be immediately notified.
  - A letter will be sent home to all families/households informing them of the exposure without sharing the identity of individual who has tested positive.

**Preschool Age Summer Camps**

Preschool camp is located in the Porter Creek Room which has a sink with running water and a restroom with sink, running water, and toilet. Many activities will take place outdoors. During group activities, children will be spaced apart with carpet circles or other physical markers. Parent/Guardian will bring children to the Porter Creek classroom by parking in the public parking lot, walking up the paved pathway from the parking lot to the building, and bringing the child to the classroom using the single side door. Parents will be asked health questions each day. The parent/guardian will not enter the classroom. The same door and pathway will be used at pick up time.

**School Age Camps**

School age summer camps will be held for children ages 5 to 9. Camp will be held in the planetarium, large rooms, and outdoors with access to restrooms with running water and soap. Distancing protocols will be in place. Pick up and drop off procedures will be communicated with parent/guardians with camp registration. The parent/guardian will not enter the building.