



April 1, 2021

Dear Parents,

First and foremost, we hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. We have received questions from parents about if and how COVID-19 will affect Laurel Lake 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. After careful thought and planning, we are excited to let you know that we plan to resume camp while following CDC considerations to protect campers, families, and our community.

The health and safety of our campers and staff remain our highest priority. Below, you will find a summary of actions we are taking to help ensure we are lowering COVID-19 risk as much as possible. We are:

- Intensifying cleaning and disinfection practices within our facilities and premises by disinfecting frequently touched surfaces (e.g., door handles, light switches, etc.) cleaning and disinfecting objects if they are shared (e.g., sports equipment, toys, and games), cleaning and disinfecting transport vehicles, and ensuring safe and correct use and storage of disinfectants.
- Keeping camper cabins in cohorts of no more than 20 and spacing each cohort groups at least 6 feet apart from each other. In addition, cohorts will go to activities as a group so as to not promote cross contamination.
- Limiting the number of items that are shared or touched between campers and staff [insert examples, by providing individual supplies to each camper, keeping a camper's belongings separated from others.
- Promoting healthy hygiene practices by reminding campers the importance of washing their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, monitoring campers to make sure they are washing their hands, providing campers with hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol when they don't have easy access to soap and water, encouraging children to cover their coughs and sneezes with a tissue or to use the inside of their elbow, and posting signs about these healthy habits around the camp facility.
- Requesting that staff and campers wear a cloth face covering as feasible, and in times when physical distancing is difficult.
- If a child does get sick at camp, we have identified an area where they can rest, be watched after, and safely isolate from others. We will communicate with parents or caretakers directly to arrange for the child to be picked up at camp that day.

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 our summer camp director, Todd Casey at tcasey@paconference.org for more information. You can also find more information about COVID-19 at 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 seeing you.

Thank you and stay healthy,
Todd Casey
Laurel Lake Summer Camp Director