

## **AVON RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT CAMP PLAN FOR OPERATING DURING COVID-19**

Child care has been deemed an essential function. Therefore, the state has not mandated that child care facilities, including youth camps, close. Likewise, the state has not ordered any programs to stay open.

Camps considering whether to operate must consider the additional provisions that have been put in place by Executive Order in order to limit the spread of the virus. The following **requirements** will be included in Summer Fun Camp's plan for operating during this public health emergency:

### **1. Camp drop off and pick up and health screening:**

- Parents will drop off camper outside of the camper's group's assigned room.
- We may ask parents to take the child's temperature upon arrival.
  - Appropriate disinfection of the thermometer will be incorporated
  - We have an ample supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) – masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, etc.
- All staff and children are required to be screened for any observable illness, including cough or respiratory distress, and to confirm temperature below 100 degrees Fahrenheit. Screening includes assessing health by taking temperature.
- Staff or children who have a temperature greater than 100 degrees are not permitted into the program per Executive Order 7Q.

### **2. Group sizes will be limited to no more than 14 children (effective 6/22/20).**

- Groups of 14 will remain together with their camp staff for the entire session.
- Groups will not interact with each other.

### **3. Employees will use cloth face coverings at all times while in the workplace.**

### **4. Hand hygiene:**

Regular hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds will be done by both staff and children:

1. Before coming in contact with any child;
2. Before and after eating;
3. After sneezing, coughing or nose blowing;
4. After using the rest room;
5. Before handling food;
6. After touching or cleaning surfaces that may be contaminated; and
7. After using any shared equipment.

If soap and water are not available, an alcohol-based hand sanitizer will be used. Use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers will be supervised by adults.

5. **Respiratory hygiene:**
  - All staff will cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or the corner of the elbow;
  - Children will be encouraged, when appropriate to cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or the corner of the elbow; and
  - Soiled tissues will be disposed of immediately after use.
6. **We have developed protocols for intensified cleaning and disinfection.**
  - Rooms will be thoroughly disinfected if a different group will be entering a room previously used by another group.
7. **Swimming at Sycamore Hills Pool**
  - Campers will swim 2-3 days per week **before** the pool is open to the public.
8. **Sunblock**
  - Only spray sunblock and face stick sunblock will be allowed – no creams or lotions.
9. **Lost and Found**
  - There will be no lost and found at either camp or the pool. Any items not taken with the camper at the end of the day will be disposed of.
10. **Appropriate social distancing strategies will be implemented.**
  - Social distancing is required, and may take many forms as outlined by CDC with a dedicated section for “social distancing strategies” in its guidance for child care programs that remain open.
11. **If a child or staff member who has been present in the program is diagnosed with COVID-19, the camp will notify families and staff of the program about the exposure.**

In February 2020, COVID-19 was added to the List of Reportable Diseases. **Those required to report such diseases must report cases of COVID-19 infection immediately to the Connecticut Department of Public Health and to the local department of health in the town of residence of the case-patient by telephone on the day of recognition or strong suspicion of the disease.** The COVID-19 report form is available on the DPH website at <https://dphsubmissions.ct.gov/Covid/InitiateCovidReport>.

Depending on the size of the program and the number of people affected, closure of a particular room in the program (for larger programs) or the entire program might need to be considered.

These enhanced practices may make it particularly challenging for camps to implement. These provisions have been put in place to ensure that ongoing operations during the COVID-19 emergency implement procedures that help limit the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health and safety of children and staff.