

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

Child care has been deemed an essential function. This operating plan was implemented and followed last summer in Summer Fun Camp, held at the Avon Senior Center and Community Room. The staff exceeded our expectations in carrying out the duties necessary to follow CDC and State guidelines. This document has been updated for the 2021 summer programs with information available as of February 2021. Any new guidelines in the State of Connecticut's Sector Rules and reopening phases will be incorporated as needed.

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. All camp staff will be trained on procedures and protocols for operating during COVID-19.
2. **Camp drop off and pick up and health screening:**
 - Parents will drop off camper at the Welcome Table in the Pine Grove Cafeteria.
 - Staff or a parent will 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 12 children.**
 - Groups of 12 will remain together with their camp staff for the entire session. Staff ratio to camper is at least 2 to 12.
 - Groups will have minimal interaction with each other.
3. **Employees, campers will use cloth or disposable face coverings at all times while at the camp except when eating or swimming. Parents are required to wear masks when dropping off and picking up their children.**
4. **Hand hygiene:**

Both staff and campers will wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. 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.

 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.
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, surfaces, such as tables and equipment such as basketballs will be thoroughly disinfected regularly.
7. **Swimming at Sycamore Hills Pool**
- Campers will swim 3-4 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 the 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.
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 procedures and provisions have been put in place to help limit the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health and safety of children and staff.