

COVID-19 Safety Precautions 2021 (updated)

By the time camp begins on June 14, 2021, Illinois will likely have moved into Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan to reopen the economy. Rates of infection for COVID-19 in Lake County are the lowest in over a year. Therefore, in light of this positive trend, and because we spend most of our days outside, we are allowing each family to choose whether their child wears a mask at camp. Make this choice according to your comfort level. We will encourage compliance as directed by the parent. Let us know at drop-off time of your preference. The following are the modifications we made to the program to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Cohort Groups

Campers will be grouped according to age into teams. Two staff leaders are designated to each team. Each team will have designated areas where the group can gather for activities and eat lunch; have separate bathrooms, drinking fountains, and locker areas; and have separate routes to travel on as they go outside (*often*) for activities. Beginner Camp will have the yellow building as their base. The goal is to limit the spread if a confirmed COVID-19 case occurs.

Early Care and After Care Included

In order to maintain group separation throughout the entire day, one of the team's leaders will arrive early and the other will stay late to care for campers during our traditional extended care times. This means that you can drop your camper off any time after 7:00 am and they will join their team. Pick them up any time before 6:00 pm.

Drop-Off / Pick-Up

Drop-Off and Pick-Up will take place in the parking lot near the yellow Early Education Building. Parents will stay in their vehicle and will not enter the building at these times. Please be sure to do a health screening of your child before arriving at camp. Drop-off time is 7:00-9:00 and pick-up time is 3:45-6:00.

Cleaning

Cleaning and sanitizing will take place on common touch surfaces twice a day and following any food consumption events (snack, lunch, etc.). Hand sanitizer will be available at each activity area and we will encourage frequent hand cleansing.

Lunch and Water

Campers must bring a lunch and refillable water bottle each day. Hot lunch will **not** be available for purchase this year. Lunch and snack time will take place outdoors in designated team areas. Water fountains can be used to refill water bottles but not for drinking directly from it.