

Maranatha Bible Camp – 5/27/2020

Safe Camp Policies and Procedures

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We passionately believe that a great camp experience will deepen a young person's faith and facilitate growth in their relationship with Christ. We also know that for a camp experience to be positive it has to be healthy. We are updating our policies and procedures in light of best practices from the following resources: The American Camping Association "Field Guide for Camps on Implementation of CDC Guidance" Federal guidelines posted at whitehouse.gov, and State Guidelines found at Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services – health.mo.gov, the Surgeon General and from Governor Mike Parson - governor.mo.gov. **These policies will be frequently reviewed and updated to reflect current recommendations.**

Parent's role in helping us have a healthy summer:

Prearrival Screening:

- *You and/or your child(ren) should be healthy, free of communicable diseases, lice, scabies, or other parasites.*
- *If taking antibiotics, you and/or your child are free to attend when you have been on them for 48 hours and have been afebrile without an antipyretic (Tylenol, Motrin, etc.) for 24 hours*
- **We recommend that high risk individuals consult with their medical provider to assess their risk and determine if they should attend camp this summer and determine what if any additional precautionary measures should be taken.**
- **Parents and children should not attend camp if they,**
 - *Have had close contact with or cared for someone diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 14 days,*
 - *Have traveled outside of the United States within the last 14 days,*
 - *Experienced a combination of the following COVID-19 symptoms within the last two weeks:*
 - *Fever greater than 100.4, cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, fatigue, headache, nausea, vomiting, chills, muscle aches, sore throat or new sense of loss of taste or smell.*

The ACA recommends avoiding community shared items that multiple people will touch. They also recommend 0.5 ounces of hand sanitizer per person per day. Please add the following items to your "What to Pack" list.

- **A back pack to keep items in while traveling around the camp.**
- **Shoes other than flip flops for recreation. Flip flops expose campers to avoidable injuries to feet and toes. Camper's cannot ride the zip lines barefoot or while wearing flipflops.**
- **Travel size bottle of**
 - **Hand Sanitizer 3 oz. size will meet the ACA recommendation for all camps. Due to current quantity limits in most stores (1 bottle per shopping trip) we are unable to procure adequate product to give one to each camper. The camp is purchasing gallon size bottles of hand sanitizer which campers are free to use to refill their travel size bottle if necessary.**
 - **Bug Repellent**
 - **Sun Block**
- **Ink Pen or Mechanical Pencil(s)**
- **Refillable water bottle (optional)**
- **Flashlight**
- **Prescription medications must be in the original container with current readable doctor's instructions.**

Masks

The Surgeon General has stated that masks are not necessary for healthy people. In light of our pre-camp screening and ongoing screening during camp, plus the fact that children and youth are not a high-risk group we do not require campers to wear masks. Use of masks will not be discouraged by those individuals who elect to wear them or who are identified as high risk.

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Church Group Leader's role in helping us have a safe summer.

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MBC Staff's (Paid & Volunteer) role in helping us have a safe summer.

Camper Onsite Screening:

Any camper who appears lethargic, feverish, has nasal drainage or expresses complaints of not feeling well should be taken to the first aid station to be evaluated.

Daily temperature checks will be taken each morning as campers leave the dorm. Any child with a temperature above 99⁵ should be evaluated by the first aid worker.

Camper Education:

Cough etiquette

Proper Handwashing

Physical Distancing

Posting of signage with this information

Camper Family Groups:

Campers will be placed in family groups for community, safety, and accountability.

We will have concentric groups within groups. Family groups will be formed from campers assigned to individual dorms and we will minimize interactions between those groups.

Dining room and worship center seating will be based on dorm housing with space between dorm groups. Large group indoor seating – campers should sit in designated areas with their dorm-based family group.

Cleaning and Facility Management:

General:

We use HVAC filters with a high MERV rating to contain more airborne particles in the MPB, Worship Center, and dorms.

When applicable air conditioner fans are set on a circulate setting that periodically recycles the air inside the room between cooling or heating cycles.

Use of EPA approved cleaning agents throughout all spaces. Identified high touch areas will be frequently cleansed with an EPA approved cleaning agent.

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Dorms:

Daily dorm checks by staff to clean showers, toilets, sinks, water fountain and remove trash.

No food eaten in the dorms. Exceptions will be made for those with medical conditions.

Spare bedding provided for campers who may need them.

Laundry area between dorms as needed.

We are painting the wooden bunks to seal the wood and cover graffiti.

Campers will sweep out the bed frame of bunk they used and wipe down mattress they used with the provided anti-viral/bacterial wipes.

Leave mattress leaning up against frame to dry at the end of the camp session.

Staff will clean bathrooms, sweep and mop all floors, and spray bunks with a disinfecting agent upon closing the dorm.

Worship Center:

Limit drinks to bottled water. No food in the worship center.

Chairs will be set up to allow for distancing between dorm-based groups.

We will use a HEPA air scrubber while inflatables are in use, prior to and after each worship session.

Door will be propped open as campers are entering and exiting the worship center to minimize touching of door handles.

Worship Center Basement:

Campers will be encouraged to wash their hands or use a hand sanitizer before “shopping” the canteen and/or using recreation items.

Recreation Items:

Campers will be asked to wash their hands or use a hand sanitizer product before using shared recreation items.

Campers will wear bouffant hair coverings under their helmet when riding zip lines to prevent spread of dandruff, lice etc. Helmets will be cleaned by staff after each camper use.

Zip line trollies etc. will be cleansed with an EPA approved product between uses by campers.

Archery equipment and other items will be cleansed with an EPA approved product between uses by campers.

Bubble ballers will be cleansed with an EPA approved product between uses by campers.

Swimming Pool:

Maintain proper disinfectant levels (1-10 parts per million [ppm] free chlorine and pH (7.2-8).

Treat pool with biocidal shock treatment weekly or at the end of a camp session.

Campers will swim in rotations based on dorm groups.

We will limit the number of shared items in the pool. Shared items will be disinfected between groups.

Food Service:

Tables will be set up for campers to eat in dorm-based family groups with distance from other dorm-based family groups. Campers should eat in the same group for all meals.

We will make use of fireplace room as dining annex as needed and allow groups to eat outside if they wish, weather permitting.

Campers are encouraged to wash their hands with soap and water (best practice) or use an alcohol-based sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol before eating.

We will prioritize use of “grab-n-go” items and whenever possible avoid buffet style, salad bars, and other configurations that require diners to use shared utensils.

When feasible we will limit the use of condiment dispensers preferring condiment packets.

When available we will offer individual serving containers of milk, juice, etc.

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Participants will be asked to avoid touching items and putting them back.

Tableware, including silverware and cups, condiment packets, etc. needed items for each meal will be placed on the table by staff.

A container will be provided for each individual table to scrape off dishes. Everything should be stacked neatly at the end of the table. Summer staff will use a cart to collect these items and take them to the dishwashing window to minimize the number of people in that location.

We will clean tables and surfaces of the dining room after each meal or use.

Kitchen staff will use aprons, proper handwashing techniques, gloves utilizing a no-touch system for gloving hands when on the serving line.

CDC Flow Chart

REOPENING YOUTH PROGRAMS AND CAMPS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



The purpose of this tool is to assist directors or administrators in making decisions regarding youth programs and camps during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is important to check with state and local health officials and other partners to determine the most appropriate actions. Note: In areas requiring significant mitigation, youth programs and camps that remain open to serve the children of essential workers should refer to [Guidance for Child Care Programs that Remain Open](#).

Should you consider opening?

- ✓ Is the youth program or camp in a community no longer requiring significant mitigation?
- ✓ Will reopening be in compliance with state and local orders?
- ✓ Will the youth program or camp limit attendance to children and staff who live in the local area?
- ✓ Will the youth program or camp be ready to protect children and staff at higher risk for severe illness?

ANY
NO



Are recommended safety actions in place?

- ✓ Promote healthy hygiene practices such as hand washing, staff wearing a cloth face covering
- ✓ Intensify cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation
- ✓ Ensure social distancing such as increased spacing, small groups, limited mixing between groups
- ✓ Limit sharing of items such as toys, belongings, supplies, and equipment
- ✓ Train all staff on safety actions

ANY
NO



Is ongoing monitoring in place?

- ✓ Check for signs and symptoms in children and staff
- ✓ Encourage anyone who is sick to stay home
- ✓ Plan for if children or staff get sick
- ✓ Regularly communicate with local authorities, staff, and families
- ✓ Monitor child and staff absences and have flexible leave policies and practices
- ✓ Be ready to close if there are increased cases

ANY
NO



ALL
YES

