

## IMPORTANT COVID-19 POLICY UPDATE

Dear SSDC Parents & Staff -

We had a terrific first week at SSDC filled with smiles, friendship, and action-packed days! While we have all done our very best to put policies and practices in place to keep everyone safe and healthy, as of today we have had two positive COVID-19 cases at camp. Thankfully, all those impacted are all doing okay, but this has not been easy for everyone, especially our young campers.

This is the reality we are living in, and we are doing the best we can to handle each situation with empathy, care, and caution. In just six short camp days, we have learned a great deal.

We have taken a hard look at our policies regarding isolation and quarantine protocols for individuals both up to date, and not up to date, with vaccines. We have spoken with numerous parents, staff, and health officials to formulate slightly updated policies we feel are fair and safe. We have rolled up our sleeves and made adjustments to our program to mitigate disruption of the summer for as many people as possible in the event of a positive COVID case or exposure. It is our responsibility to provide the best possible camp experience AND the safest environment for our campers and staff. We believe the updated policies below will allow us to do that.

As of tomorrow, 6/28/22, the following updated guidelines will go into place as it relates to COVID-19:

- The guidance is based on the community transmission level for Bucks & Montgomery Counties being in the LOW CATEGORY.
- We are strongly encouraging all campers and staff to stay up to date with their vaccinations, get tested if exposed or showing symptoms, and wear a mask if you have symptoms, test positive, or are exposed to COVID.
- At this time anyone who chooses to wear a mask as an additional precaution may continue to do so to maximize their protection.
- Exposed bunks will follow OUTDOOR ONLY schedules and cohort grouping procedure.

### **IN THE CASE OF A COVID-19 INFECTION OR EXPOSURE AT CAMP:**

- Upon testing positive, or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms that cannot be attributed to another health condition (including fever over 100.4°F, unexplained cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, sore throat, muscle pain, headache, loss of taste or smell), campers and staff **must isolate** (stay at home) for 5 days from any onset of symptoms or positive test. Day 0 is when you start symptoms or test positive. These individuals may return to camp after day 5 if fever free for 24 hours without the use of a fever reducing medication and your other symptoms have improved. Additional mask wearing is recommended after exposure, quarantine, or isolation.

- Upon COVID-19 exposure, all close contacts will be updated immediately.
- The bunk(s) exposed will immediately transition to an OUTDOOR ONLY schedule for at least 5 days. They will remain together as a cohort and have alternative activities during Club period so not to mix with other groups. We have covered/outdoor areas which will be utilized in extreme heat and rain.
- Individuals who are up to date on all vaccines OR have had a positive PCR test in the last 90 days do not need to quarantine. They can stay at camp if they are not experiencing any signs or symptoms. We require a negative test on Day 5, along with no signs or symptoms, to continue coming to camp.
- Individuals not up to date with vaccinations can stay at camp with a negative test and no signs or symptoms. Camp will provide and facilitate rapid tests for these individuals each morning in the camp infirmary through day 5. These individuals must wear a mask if they choose to go indoors (all scheduled activities will be arranged outdoors). These individuals must wear a mask on any camp provided transportation, or elect for parent drop off / pick up. If any signs, symptoms, or positive tests occur, campers or staff must be picked up immediately.

Prior to the camp season we spent hours preparing our 2022 SAFETY GUIDEBOOK & COVID PROTOCOLS, meeting with experts and revising our policies as new information and recommendations were provided by the CDC, ACA, and Bucks County Department of Health. This has been an ever changing landscape and we are doing everything we can to be proactive and flexible while still remaining cautious so we can continue to operate this summer. We will continue to assess and adapt as needed.

On our end, we will continue our meticulous daily cleaning / sanitization procedures for all indoor areas and equipment, and we are asking all of you to take one minute each day to keep us informed of the health of your household by filling out the simple survey you receive each morning via text message. We ask that you please continue to do this, as it provides critical information across the camp community as a whole.

As always, we appreciate your cooperation and communication as we navigate this together. We have an amazing summer ahead.

Best

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