



## COVID-19: Statement of Risk

### Staff Led Programs (Day & Overnight) and Campground Sites

Your safety and the safety of all of our participants, volunteers, and employees is our top priority. In light of COVID-19, we are taking additional precautions at camp on top of our long-established health and safety measures.

Using guidance from the American Camp Association, Departments of Health for Minnesota and Wisconsin and the Centers for Disease Control, we have developed protocols for operating camp during this global pandemic. All protocols have also been reviewed by our camp physicians.

These protocols apply to all participants and staff and include but are not limited to:

- Health screenings prior to, upon arrival and throughout the camp experience.
- Smaller participant group sizes and limited interaction among groups.
- Social distancing measures and face coverings.
- Dedicated staff to clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces and shared program equipment.
- Increased emphasis on handwashing and sanitation.
- An emergency response plan that includes isolation and evaluation should a person at camp develop symptoms of COVID-19 or other communicable disease.

These important precautions reduce risk but do not completely eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness while at camp.

Some people with COVID-19 show no signs or symptoms of illness but can still spread the virus, and people may be contagious before their symptoms occur. These factors mean that an infected person may pass the required health screenings and be allowed into camp.

We also know that the very nature of camp makes social distancing difficult in some situations.

We will follow best practice by sanitizing equipment between use. However, in some programs this is not practical and so, in those instances, we are ensuring participants only handle equipment with sanitized hands while wearing face coverings. For example, this is true at the climbing tower where we are not able to launder harnesses and ropes between users.

Additionally, some individuals are at a higher risk for severe illness if they contract COVID-19. If you are part of this population, we ask that you clear your participation with your physician prior to attending camp.

Conditions are constantly changing so all individuals should be prepared if local or national conditions cause camp to close or if individuals will need to return home for isolation. This includes those who are traveling from out of state.

Please be mindful of these considerations as you make the choice to join us at camp this summer.