DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
Division of Public Health

COVID-19 Recreational Camp Guidance

General Guidance

- Prior to beginning operations, camps must develop a written plan to address all applicable guidance and restrictions for operation. The plan must be available upon request for review by the Division of Public Health (DPH).
- The plan must address, at a minimum:
    - Disinfection procedures and frequency
    - Camper arrival and departure procedures to reduce mixing of classes and close contact
    - Mask guidance and social distancing during all activities
- Outdoor camps must ensure contingency plans are in place for inclement weather.
- Outdoor gathering occupancy is 50% of state fire occupancy requirements for outdoor space over 100,000 square feet, and up to 75% of state fire occupancy requirements for any outdoor space of 100,000 square feet or less. Indoor gathering shall not exceed 50% of stated fire occupancy requirements Reduce camp capacity as necessary to accomplish six feet separation for indoor and outdoor activities.
- Post signage instructing employees and campers about maintaining six feet distance, hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes, and to stay home if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.
- Each facility must comply with all other state, county, and local requirements.
- Overnight camps must comply with all requirements, including social distancing.
- Have campers bring their own meals and eat in separate areas instead of in a communal dining hall.
- Develop (in preparation for when someone gets sick) isolation criteria, processes for cleaning and disinfecting, and a process for notification to health officials and close contacts that can be easily implemented.

Face Coverings and Handwashing

- Face coverings – follow the face covering requirements outlined in the Twenty-Seventh Modification: State of Emergency Declaration.
- Campers and staff should be encouraged to wash hands for 20 seconds with soap and water throughout the day.
- Hand sanitizer must be available throughout the facility in addition to, but not in place of handwashing.

Cleaning

- Use an EPA List 6 approved disinfectant for frequently touched surfaces.
- Facility must be cleaned at least once per day.
- High contact surfaces, including but not limited to doorknobs, light switches, and railings, should be cleaned a minimum of twice throughout the day.

Employee and Camper Screening

- Camps should follow DPH Essential Screening Guidance.
- Staff and campers considered part of a ‘vulnerable population’ should consider continued shelter in place.
- Those that are sick should not attend camp until cleared by a physician.

Social Distancing

- DPH strongly recommends that cohorts be limited to 15 children plus staff. Cohorts are required to remain stable from one day to the next, meaning the same children and staff should make up one cohort. Children and staff should not switch between cohorts, and interaction between cohorts should be restricted as much as possible.
- Face coverings must be worn per DPH guidance when social distancing cannot occur.
- Once groups are assigned, mixing of groups, and switching of staff should be limited to the greatest extent possible to reduce the impact of COVID-19 positives.
- Encourage all staff, patrons, and campers to wash hands often and cover their coughs or sneezes.
- Limit sharing of materials like art supplies or toys. Follow disinfectant guidelines.