

# CAMP BRIAR HILL

## COVID-19 POLICIES

### INTRODUCTION

Our goal is always to provide the safest camp experience possible. Although the pandemic appears to be receding, the state of New Jersey has kept several protocols in place for youth summer camps. Briar Hill will do its part in implementing these measures, but we also need your cooperation to make this a success. The purpose of this document is to communicate how you can help us prevent the spread of illness at camp and what our final COVID-19 policies will be this summer.

Below are the three key elements that will help us to keep camp safe and open for everyone this summer:



#### SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

All staff and families should monitor themselves for symptoms of illness. The following are possible symptoms of COVID-19: fever, sore throat, body aches, coughing, difficulty breathing, fatigue, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, or a recent loss of taste or smell. If you are experiencing two or more symptoms, a negative COVID-19 test may be required to return to camp. **In all cases, campers and staff must be free of all symptoms of illness for at least 24 hours before attending camp. Additionally, campers and staff must be without a fever for at least 48 hours before attending camp.**



#### SCREENING

In addition to our normal health screening at camp, there is also a pre-screening process to be admitted to camp this summer. **Before entering our arrival queue each morning, each family must fill out a single Health Screening slip. This should be done at home. You must confirm that the answer to all 4 questions is "No" and the slip must be signed and dated with camper names. If car pooling with another family, you must present slips for each family in the car pool.** If you arrive without a screening slip, you will be directed to park and fill one out. You may then re-enter our arrival queue or drop off using our extra assistance area.



#### STAY AT HOME

If your child(ren) are sick or exhibiting Covid-19 symptoms, they must **STAY HOME**. Camp is required to maintain an absence log and track the reason for any absence. If illness is involved, we need to know the specific symptoms so that we can determine whether a waiting period is required before returning to camp. **For any absence, please send an email to [office@briarhill.com](mailto:office@briarhill.com) with the following information: camper name, reason for absence, specific symptoms if illness is present, and expected return date.** The office staff will need to contact anyone we do not hear from so we ask for your cooperation in this regard.

**WARNING: Knowingly sending a sick child to camp, using medication to mask symptoms of illness, or sending a child to camp that is advised to quarantine are ALL grounds for permanent dismissal from camp.**

## **SOCIAL DISTANCING**

Social distancing is not required or expected within a camp group. It is, however, expected from one camp group to another. Therefore, our activities will be adjusted to minimize mixing of groups and to avoid close contact with other groups. This may take the form of designated seating areas at certain events or slight modifications of an activity to support more spacing. Although we expect most activities to look and feel the same as a typical summer, we are asking parents to make their child(ren) aware that social distancing will be present at camp and to expect these sort of adjustments. Please note that the goal in distancing is to minimize any spread and therefore limit a possible quarantine to just one group.

## **ILLNESS AT CAMP**

Any camper exhibiting symptoms of illness at camp will be isolated and will be required to leave as soon as possible.

## **VISITORS**

**For summer 2021, visitors are not permitted on the grounds during the camp day.** Visitors will be permitted for end-of-summer parent shows, but will be limited to our amphitheater area.

## **AM/PM CARE**

We are offering extended care this summer, but only for families that have already signed up by May 21<sup>st</sup>. **In order to limit mixing between groups, we are not supporting the drop-in use of AM or PM care this summer.**

## **FACE COVERINGS**

The COVID-19 rules require that campers wear masks only when indoors and unable to socially distance from other camp groups. **In particular, campers must arrive to camp wearing a mask.** On most days, masks will only be worn during our arrival and dismissal periods and infrequently for some electives that must be held inside. On rainy or hot days where inside time is increased, there may be more opportunities when masks are required (though we will strive to minimize mixing and keep the need to a minimum). Please label masks. Lost masks will not be saved in Lost & Found and will only be returned if labeled. Briar Hill will have disposable masks on hand in case a mask is lost, but the expectation is that families will provide masks that they consider suitable.

## **HYGIENE & DISINFECTION**

There will be an expanded emphasis on hygiene and disinfection this summer. Most of this is on our end. However, we ask that you support this effort by discussing proper handwashing and use of hand sanitizer with your children. Generally, we ask that you prepare them for the idea that this will be required more frequently. Depending on the activity, it may be required at the beginning, end, or both.

## **COVID-19 EXPOSURE OR DIAGNOSIS**

Briar Hill will follow the current protocols provided by our local health department for any COVID-19 exposure or diagnosis. An exposed camper or staff member will be excluded from camp for a quarantine period unless fully vaccinated. While low or moderate COVID-19 Activity Levels are present, the expected quarantine period is 10 days without a test or 7 days with a negative test on days 5-7. In the event that a camper or group counselor tests positive for COVID-19, it is expected that the entire camp group will be excluded from camp for the given quarantine period. In addition, a camper or staff member diagnosed with COVID-19 will be required to wait 10 days before returning to camp. **The fact that camp groups are socially distanced is intended to limit any exposure and therefore also limit the scope of any interruption.**