

Whitehall Camp and Conference Center

COVID-19 Response Health Plan – Day Camp Summer 2020

In an effort to ensure the health and safety of our campers and staff during the 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic, Whitehall Camp and Conference Center (WCCC) is making every effort to adhere to and follow the guidelines and regulations set forth by the CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate the impact these regulations will have on our 2020 Youth Camp Season.

1. Is camp allowed to operate?
 - a. As this point in time, Venango County is considered to be in the “green phase” of Governor Wolf’s reopening plan. This phase allows us to move forward with holding youth camps. If, for any reason, our county would shift back to the yellow or red phases, camps would have to be cancelled in order to remain in compliance with the guidelines set forth by the state. This means, there is the potential we could run one or two weeks of camp and have to cancel other weeks. While we are praying and hoping we can host every week of camps, we must comply with what the state mandates.
2. Who is safe to attend camp?
 - a. Evidence and statistics about Coronavirus infections show that the majority of cases in the US occur in the adult population. While children are getting sick, they seem to present mild symptoms (cold-like symptoms, sore throat, pink eye, nasal drainage, fever, new or worsening cough, and in some cases, vomiting and diarrhea). If your child presents any of these symptoms within the 14 days leading up to their youth camp, WCCC advises that you keep your child at home to prevent the potential spread of the virus to the camp. Please note: if you have paid for your child’s week of camp and they present with symptoms that prevent them from attending camp, WCCC will fully refund the cost of your child’s camp registration.
 - b. The CDC has identified that individuals with moderate to severe asthma, serious heart conditions, diabetes, chronic kidney diseases undergoing dialysis, or liver disease and those who are immunocompromised (cancer treatment, smoker, bone marrow or organ transplant, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV/AIDS, prolonged use of corticosteroids or other immune weakening meds), are obese (BMI of 40 or higher), or are 65 years or older, have an increased risk of contracting and succumbing to the effects of Coronavirus. If your camper has any of these health risks, we are asking that you keep your camper at home this summer to ensure they stay safe and healthy. Also if you or someone in your camper’s household has any of these health concerns, WCCC strongly encourages you to make arrangements to keep your camper and that family member separated for 14 days after camp. If that’s not possible, WCCC would advise that you not send your camper this year.
 - c. Campers who have travelled to an area that is considered “high risk” within 2 weeks prior to camp, or reside in a county that is still in the “red phase” are strongly discouraged from attending camp this year, unless they have quarantined for 14 days prior to camp, or have a negative reading COVID test.
3. What health measures will be put in place to mitigate risks to my camper?
 - a. Check In Process:
 - i. We have extended the check in time to minimize overlap of families dropping their campers off. If you would like to ensure minimal contact with other families, we ask that you wait until after 9:30 AM to check your child into camp.
 - ii. We also encourage families to limit the number of family members at the check –in process.
 - iii. Check in will be held at Pioneer Hall. We kindly ask for your patience and understanding as you wait outside. We also ask that you be courteous of those around you and practice social distancing while waiting in line.

- b. Health Screening: There will be several layers of health screenings taking place throughout the duration of camp.
 - i. Every Camper must bring a Pre-Camp Health Screening form with them, filled out, verifying they have not had or been exposed to anyone with coronavirus symptoms for 14 days prior to camp.
 - ii. At check in, this screening will be given to the Program Director who will evaluate the form, and confirm with the camper that they are still feeling well and present no symptoms. Each camper will also have their temperature taken and recorded during the check in process. Please Note: All staff and counselors will undergo the same health and screening process prior to your camper's arrival at camp as well.
 - iii. Throughout the week, your camper will undergo a health screening each morning upon arrival at camp.
 - c. Hygiene Practices: Campers will be reminded and instructed to practice healthy hygiene practices including hand washing, and proper coughing and sneezing techniques during their week at camp. WCCC has installed hand sanitizing stations around the campground to promote healthy hand hygiene practices.
 - d. Face Masks: CDC guidelines for camps encourage campers and employees to wear a face cloth covering as feasible. Because of the nature of our camping environment and lack of feasibility to consistently wear masks, WCCC is not requiring campers or staff to wear face masks during the week at camp. If, as a parent, you would like your child to keep their face mask on, please discuss that with your camper before they come to camp. WCCC will not enforce a facemask policy with our campers one way or the other.
 - e. While we will make every effort to minimize sharing of objects between campers, there will be games and activities where that is not feasible. Campers will not be forced to engage such activities. If you are not comfortable with your child participating in such activities, WCCC kindly asks you to have conversations with your children at home expressing your concerns and expectations for them while at camp.
4. What social distancing measures will be put into place to mitigate risks to my camper?
- a. As much as possible, WCCC will encourage social distancing between campers. There will be no structured activity as a whole camp that would not permit the option for a camper to remain at a 6 foot social distance from someone in their family cohort. Weather permitting, we will conduct as many of our activities outside in open fields. For meals and worship services that do not occur outside, family units will be encouraged to socially distance from other family units.
 - b. While we will make every effort to minimize sharing of objects between campers, there will be games and activities where that is not feasible. Campers will not be forced to engage such activities. If you are not comfortable with your child participating in activities where sharing may occur, WCCC kindly asks you to have conversations with your children at home expressing your concerns and expectations for them while at camp.
5. What cleaning measures are being implemented to mitigate risk to my child?
- a. All employees and staff will receive thorough training on how to effectively clean, disinfect and sanitize surfaces to prevent the spread of viruses.
 - b. Shared restroom facilities and common areas will be cleaned at least twice a day and sanitized several more times.
6. What happens if my child becomes sick at camp?
- a. In the event that a camper develops symptoms of coronavirus or any other communicable disease, we have several measures in place.

- i. The camper presenting symptoms will be evaluated by camp staff. If the staff determines the symptoms to be a danger to other campers, that child will be isolated from the rest of the campers in an area set up to house sick and potentially contagious campers.
- ii. The family group of the sick camper will be isolated from the rest of the camp.
- iii. The parents of the sick child will receive a call and an email to inform them of their child's status. WCCC will work with them to ensure the best care is given to the camper until someone picks up the camper. If WCCC determines a camper's symptoms pose a health threat to the rest of the camp, it is not at the discretion of the parent to pick up their camper. Rather, it is mandatory that the parent come retrieve their child ASAP. In the case of severe symptoms, WCCC will work with parents and guardians to ensure the camper is taken to the necessary medical professionals.
- iv. Parents of the sick child's family group will be notified. Informing them that their child was in close contact with someone who presented with coronavirus symptoms. The family group will be able to continue to be involved in camp activities, but stricter rules for distancing will be in place. If parents choose, they can remove their child from the camp and WCCC will refund the remaining registration cost paid.
- v. Parents of all campers in the campground will be notified. Informing them that a child in the camp has presented with coronavirus symptoms. While the chances of them being directly exposed to that individual are minimal, there is still a potential threat to all campers. Those campers will continue camp as normal. If parents choose, they can remove their child from the camp and WCCC will refund the remaining registration cost paid.
- vi. WCCC will remain in consistent communication with local health authorities regarding any cases and exposures that occur at camp.

While, we as a camp are taking the necessary physical measures to ensure the health and safety of your child at camp, we know we serve a God who is ultimately in control of all things. We covet your prayers for our summer programming, for health of campers, counselors, and staff, as well as physical safety; and most importantly, spiritual growth in our campers! We look forward to serving your family this summer!