

# Whitehall Camp and Conference Center

## COVID-19 Response Health Plan – Winter Blast 2021

In an effort to ensure the health and safety of our campers and staff during the 2021 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 2021 Winter Blast.

1. Is camp allowed to operate?
  - a. As this point in time, as a business, Whitehall Camp is allowed to operate. If, for any reason, our county would be ordered to shut down, Winter Blasts 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 weekend of Winter Blast and have to cancel other weekend. While we are praying and hoping we can host both Winter Blasts, we must comply with what the state mandates.
2. Who is safe to attend Winter Blast?
  - 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 or anyone in your household presents any of these symptoms within the 14 days leading up to their Winter Blast, 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 weekend and they, or anyone in your household present with symptoms that prevent them from attending Winter Blast, WCCC will fully refund the cost of your child's 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 Winter Blast. If that's not possible, WCCC would advise that you not send your camper this year.
  - c. Campers who have travelled out of state within 2 weeks prior to Winter Blast, are strongly discouraged from attending this year, unless they have quarantined for 14 days prior, or have tested negative for Covid.
3. What health measures will be put in place to mitigate risks to my camper?
  - a. Check In Process:
    - i. We also encourage families to limit the number of family members at the check –in process.
    - ii. Check in will be held in Pioneer Hall. In an effort to keep everyone safe and healthy, We ask that you be courteous of those around you and wear a mask and practice social distancing while waiting in line.
  - b. Health Screening:
    - i. Each camper will be given a verbal health screening and have their temperature taken before being allowed to move into their lodging for the weekend.

- c. Moving In: After your camper has gone through the check in and health screening process the next step will be to move into their lodging for the weekend. In an attempt to keep our campers safe and healthy, WCCC strongly advises that no parents or family members enter the lodging facility. Rather, we request you have your child's counselor help move him or her into her lodging.
  - d. Hygiene Practices: Campers will be reminded and instructed to practice healthy hygiene practices including hand washing, and proper coughing and sneezing techniques during their weekend at camp. WCCC has installed hand sanitizing stations around the campground to promote healthy hand hygiene practices.
  - e. 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 weekend 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.
  - f. 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.
  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.
  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 the 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 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.
      - iii. Parents of all campers on the campground will be notified. Informing them that a child in the camp has presented with coronavirus symptoms. 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.
      - iv. 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 ongoing programming, for health of campers, counselors, and staff, as well as physical safety; and most importantly, spiritual growth in our campers! We are looking forward to serving your families in 2021!