

Covid 19 Camper/Parent Information

Dear Parent/Camper

Hello! We are excited that you are interested in registering your camper to attend summer camp at The Springs Ministries! This letter is to inform you of a few precautions that we are taking and implementing here at camp due to Covid-19. We have waited to post or put out any type of direction as things were not clear and changing so quickly. It is exciting to be able to run summer camp and give your campers this awesome experience. Feel free to call or email the camp with any further questions!

Pre-Camp Procedures:

Prior to attending camp we are asking parents to please answer this short survey. This is not required to be turned in at registration but if you have answered "Yes" to any of the below questions, please connect with our Health Officer. This survey allows us to run summer camp. It is designed to help protect your children but allow them the incredible experience of summer camp at The Springs Ministries.

AGAIN: ANY **YES** ANSWERS DO NOT AUTOMATICALLY ELIMINATE THE OPPORTUNITY OF CAMP FOR YOUR CHILD. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO TALK WITH OUR HEALTH OFFICER ABOUT THOSE ANSWERS.

Survey

- Has camper or family been sick in the last 4 weeks?
- Has anyone in camper family been exposed to Covid 19?
- Has anyone in camper family had Covid 19 symptoms?
 - Shortness of breath
 - Fever
 - Coughing
 - Chills
 - Muscle Pain
 - Sore Throat
 - Loss of taste or smell

- Have you traveled outside your home area/county recently?
- Was it in an area of High-levels of current Covid 19 patients?
- Has the camper been tested for the Covid 19 Virus?
- Are there any other health concerns the camper has?
- Has the camper dealt negatively with the stress of the pandemic?
- Is there a concern with the camper's ability to deal with the excitement of camp?

Pre-Camp Recommendations:

- Campers should be limited from major contact outside of their home/family for at least 7 days prior to arriving at camp.
- Take your camper's temperature within 7 days before camper arrives.
- Campers can bring a mask or bandana with them, to be used if needed.
- Please be sure your camper understands proper hand washing practices. Washing hands regularly for 20 seconds with soap and water. This is especially important after blowing your nose, coughing, sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating.

- If camper coughs or sneezes, remind them to cover with a tissue or sleeve. Coughing or sneezing into the inside of their elbows is best if using a sleeve.
- We encourage you to have your camper tested for Covid-19 within the last 10 days of camper registration but it is not a requirement.

Registration Day Procedures: Please realize this is not the way we want to do camp registration. However, to follow social distancing requirements and gathering number restrictions we need to adhere to the following guidelines.

- Cars will enter and wait in line for registration
- No one will exit their car until they are at a check in, you will be met by a group of staff consisting of a Health Officer, a registrar, and your camper's counselor.
- Intense and Elevate programs will register at Retreat Center carports location.
- Health Officer will take temperature of campers. Health Officer will go over their health survey. Health Officer will do their normal procedures of check in, including taking in medication and discussing any concerns with parents.

Check out Procedures:

- Cars will enter and follow the same path as the registration line.
- Staff will meet parents at their car and get the name of their camper
- Then Campers will meet their parent's at their car
- We ask that Parents remain at their car
- We are sad to say the Camp Store will not be open and we will not be able to have our closing program

Post Camp Suggestions:

- After camp, you may want to know who your campers will be in contact once at home
- You may want to quarantine your camper.
- Please contact the camp after your child is home if you suspect any concern with covid symptoms.

Here are some additional Procedures we are following to help protect your campers:

- Our Staff will be quarantined for over 14 days before camp begins as reasonable.
- Our Staff will remain on campus throughout the summer as reasonable.
- We will provide access for parents to contact campers and campers to contact their families during camp if there are any concerns.
- We encourage families and friends to send camp care packages that can be ordered through our website. Send emails to campers and limit camper mail and packages.

These are truly uncharted waters for all of us and we are taking precautions which are recommended to us by our licensing agent (LARA). Their guidance was developed from printed materials from the CDC, American Camp Association, Association of Camp Nurses, and Michigan Executive Orders. We look forward to seeing your camper this summer and pray that God will continue to develop and deepen relationships with Jesus Christ here at The Springs!

