

Summer Cove: Covid-19 Protocols and Regulations

As we prepare for this upcoming summer, our staff is taking extra precautions to ensure that everyone entering our building is safe and healthy. Our top priority is always the safety of our staff and our campers, and we are working tirelessly to follow CDC guidelines as well as the regulations set forth by the Virginia Governor. **These restrictions and guidelines may change over the course of the next few months, and we will continue to update as needed.**

Below are the Covid-19 protocols that Summer Cove will follow across this summer. Please make sure that you review this information prior to signing up for camps:

Prior to the start of camp:

We ask that campers comply with physical distancing and mask-wearing while outside of their household for two weeks leading up to the start of camp.

At-Home Screenings

Before you send your child to camp, we ask that you screen them at home for any symptoms, including but not limited to: fever, coughing, shortness of breath, fatigue, headaches, body aches, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, or nausea. If your child is showing any concerning symptoms, we ask that they stay home from camp.

Exposure

If your child is exposed to someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, they should be quarantined for 14 days. If you know ahead of time that your child has been exposed to someone who has tested positive, please reach out to the camp director for options for refunds.

Masks

All staff and campers will be required to wear masks at all times when indoors (except when eating and drinking). When outdoors, masks will only be required when a safe distance cannot be maintained. We will have a supply of disposable masks to provide to any campers who do not have a mask or whose mask breaks during an activity.

Social Distancing

While in the building, campers will be asked to maintain a 6 ft. distance whenever possible. Tables and desks have been set up to keep campers at a safe distance.

Cleaning

Staff will stick to a rigorous cleaning schedule, wiping down common areas, tables, chairs, and any shared equipment. There will be floaters assigned specifically to cleaning these areas with CDC and EPA approved disinfectant spray and wipes.

Hand Sanitizer

Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom as well as in the front office for campers to use. After each activity, students will be given hand sanitizer. Campers will be encouraged to use sanitizer and wash their hands frequently.

Shared Equipment

Whenever possible, campers will be provided with their own equipment to be used across the course of the week. If campers are using any shared equipment, staff will disinfect said equipment after each use.

Camp Sizing

Per our sublease agreement with GW Community School, we will restrict the number of campers in each camp. The max number of campers in one class will vary depending on the size of the classroom. These numbers are subject to change as state regulations change prior to the start of camp.

Cooking/Baking Camps

Due to regulations of shared items and sanitary concerns, we have opted to keep our cooking/baking camps **virtual** this summer. Each week, we will offer two, half-day, virtual camps: one in the morning and one in the afternoon. All materials will be packed and prepared for the campers to pick up the weekend prior to the start of the camp.

Entering the Building

Before entering the building, campers will be asked if they're experiencing any symptoms. We ask that if your child is experiencing ANY flu-like symptoms, that you have them stay home.

Lunches/Snacks/Breaks

Each camp will have a preset snack and lunch time that will be on a rotation to reduce large gatherings in the common area. After each break, staff will disinfect the tables and chairs prior to the next group.

If there is a case of exposure at camp:

- The camper exhibiting symptoms will be isolated in one of our rooms while parents/emergency contacts are notified.
- An email notification will be sent out to the parents of all of the campers attending camp that week.
- Should we need to cancel camps for the rest of that week, all parents will be notified and partial refunds will be offered.
- Because other campers are at risk, we ask that parents are vigilant at home and screening campers before sending them to camp.

Your child should not attend camp if:

- They have traveled on an airplane or had a member of their household travel on an airplane for the two weeks preceding the start of school.
- They exhibit symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

- They themselves or a member of their household has tested positive for COVID19 and is within the 14-day window.
- They have had “close contact” (any individual within six feet of someone who is a laboratory-confirmed or probable COVID-19 patient for at least 15 minutes) and is within the 14-day window.

I am happy to note that to date, GW Community School (where we sublease for the summer) has not had any outbreaks or reports of students who have been exposed while in the building. Even still, we ask that the camp community do everything in its power to keep everyone safe and healthy across the summer.