

## Camper, Faculty, & Staff Procedures for Communicable Disease

Mahoning Valley Christian Service Camp is committed to the well-being of our campers, volunteers, guests, and staff. We are seeking to follow recommendations and guidelines from the CDC, the American Camp Association, and both state and local health departments. Please check back shortly before visiting Mahoning Valley, as the following is subject to change based on current information.

These policies and procedures are necessary for Mahoning Valley to operate camp this year, and it is important that everyone in attendance comply with all portions of this plan.

### Pre-Camp

- If you are sick or have had any symptoms of COVID-19 (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>) in the fourteen days prior to the start of camp, or have been in close contact with anyone who has, please stay home and let Mahoning Valley know that you will not be able to attend. A refund of all fees or a transfer to another camp session will be available.
- Please bring at least ten (10) masks per person. These can be either washable cloth masks or disposable masks, but they must not have exhalation valves or vents. For more information, please see the “Masks” section below.

### Check-in

- The check-in process will occur in our north parking lot near the camp entrance, and everyone other than registered campers will remain in vehicles. Mahoning Valley staff will conduct a health screening and ensure paperwork is completed. A follow-up health screening will be performed on Wednesday morning. Fully vaccinated asymptomatic people without an exposure can refrain from routine screening.
- In order to minimize contact of shared items, we highly recommend completing full payment for both camp fees and pop shop/missions prior to arrival. Otherwise please bring a check or the exact amount of cash at the time of check-in.
- Faculty will greet the campers in their family groups, put on identifying wristbands, help unload luggage, and get campers set up in their assigned sleeping areas.

### Family Groups

- This summer Mahoning Valley will be operating with the use of family group cohorts. A family group is a small group within a camp session that is allowed to interact without social/physical distancing requirements. Each family group cohort will be required to maintain social/physical distancing from other family groups.
- Family groups will be largely based upon sleeping arrangements. In some instances, campers from two sleeping areas (e.g., two rooms of Legacy Lodge) may be one family group. Most family groups will have at least two adults and ten campers.

- We will do our best to ensure that each camper has at least one close friend within their assigned family group, but we may not be able to ensure that a particular group of friends will all be together.
- Activities where neither masks nor distancing are feasible (swimming, etc.) will be done only in family group cohorts.
- For small camp sessions (Work Camp, The High Ground, etc.), the entire session may be one family group cohort.
- Many of our sleeping areas will operate with reduced capacity so that we can maintain appropriate group sizes and distancing.
- Anyone displaying any symptom of COVID-19 should immediately report such to their family group leader, who will inform the camp's medical staff.

### **Masks**

- We are asking that all campers and faculty pack at least ten (10) masks for use during their time at camp. Masks should be made of two or more layers of washable, breathable fabrics, should completely cover both the nose and mouth, should fit snugly against the sides of the face, and should not have exhalation valves or vents. Disposable masks meeting the above criteria are also acceptable.
- More information about selecting and wearing masks is available here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>
- Campers and faculty will be required to wear masks when indoors (other than their own bathing and sleeping quarters) and when in close proximity with anyone other than their family group cohort.

### **Meals**

- Campers & faculty will eat meals with their own family group.
- Masks will be required when picking up meals from the Dining Hall and when getting items from the Pop Shop.
- Each family group will eat in an assigned location, distanced from other family groups.

### **Facilities**

- In order to reduce the sharing of facilities, campers and faculty will generally be required to use the restrooms at their own sleeping facilities.
- In order to maximize ventilation, the Hangar will be the primary sheltered area utilized by large groups. The Hangar has open windows and multiple exhaust fans. When inside the Hangar, family groups will still distance from other family groups.
- Standalone HEPA filters have been installed and are operating in all sleeping areas. The filters will be replaced twice annually.

- When setting up their bunks, campers and faculty should sleep head-to-toe in order to maximize distances between each camper's head.

### **Illness Policy**

- Any suspected sick camper or faculty will be brought to the camp nurse and/or executive director for evaluation.
- Sick campers may be sent home at the determination of the camp nurse. Any fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher requires that the person be sent home regardless of other symptoms.
- Sick campers will be quarantined until a parent/guardian is able to pick up the camper. If weather conditions allow, this will be done in an open-air infirmary area.
- If the camp determines that a test for COVID-19 is needed, that test will be conducted at the curbside COVID-19 testing clinic at RMH Walk-In Care. The camper(s) will be transported by a staff member who is fully vaccinated, and masks will be required for everyone in the vehicle.
- If any camper is determined to be ill, that camper's cabin will be cleaned and sanitized before other members of the family group are allowed to return.
- In the event that a camper is sent home, the other members of their family group will be screened for fever and other symptoms daily for the remainder of the camp session.
- If any camper is sent home with symptoms of COVID-19, the parents/guardians of all other campers in the family group will be notified.
- If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19, the parents/guardians of those campers in the family group will be notified, and the campers will be sent home.

### **Miscellaneous**

- In order to limit the outside sources of infection, visitors will not be permitted during camp programs this summer.
- Campers and faculty who leave the camp during their session will generally not be permitted to return. Special exceptions may be allowed at the discretion of the Executive Director.
- We have relationships with both male and female counselors in place to support anyone experiencing trauma or challenges related to COVID-19.

### **Check Out Procedures**

- Check out this year will be very similar to check in. Parents/guardians are asked to remain in their vehicles in the parking lot, and campers and their luggage will be brought there to check out.