

# The Center

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## Camp Health Policies at The Center COVID-19 Summer 2020

Dear Parents,

In an effort to keep our campers and staff as safe as possible amidst the COVID19 pandemic, we are implementing some changes to our standard camp health care policies for the 2020 camping season.

First and foremost, **please do not come to camp if your child or anyone in your household is exhibiting signs of illness.** This is critical and we're relying on everyone's compliance to make this a safe and fun summer. Please report an absence at your earliest opportunity by emailing [thechildrensfarm@thecenterpalos.org](mailto:thechildrensfarm@thecenterpalos.org).

Campers will be expected to respect social distancing. Please help us navigate this obstacle by discussing this concept with your camper prior to arriving at camp. Our goal is to remain 6 feet from one another and remain outdoors as much as possible.

Campers and parents are asked to wear masks for drop-off and pick-up procedures and all campers must come with a mask daily. Though we don't plan to wear them when we are outside and socially distant, we need to be prepared for an event that might bring us indoors, in a large group. Our preference would be for all campers to wear a bandana tied around their neck. When needed, a bandana can easily be pulled up and used as a face covering...and it's super campy!! If you prefer a more standard facemask, please instruct your camper to carry it in their pocket at all times.

All campers will be required to submit a completed Health History form. This form is to be brought with you to check in and will be discussed with a member of our Camp Health Committee during your wellness screening. Please plan to complete this form prior to arrival. A brief verbal wellness screening will be performed daily.

Our in-house camp treatment and health care policies include the administration of basic first aid, Motrin, Tylenol, antibiotic ointment, hydrocortisone cream, oral and cream Benadryl, insect repellent containing DEET, prescription medication that is prescribed to the camper, and other over-the-counter medications that come with parent consent.

If your child needs medical treatment outside the realm of our in camp treatment options, we will contact you. If you are unreachable, we will seek medical help as we deem necessary for your child's welfare. If we take your child to the Palos Community Hospital or Primary Care Center, they will make every effort to reach you and will treat your child without your consent only if life or limb are threatened according to the decision of the attending physician. If life or limb are not threatened, your child may wait for a painfully long time while the hospital tries to reach you. Therefore, it is very important to inform us of phone numbers where you can be reached while your child is at camp.

Parents will be notified of illness, injury or concern in the following cases: temperature over 100.3 degrees F or any other COVID19 symptoms--runny nose, cough, vomiting, or diarrhea; any injury or illness needing the care of a physician; and any other unusual illness, injury, or behavior that the camp director believes the parent would want to know or for which the parent has specifically requested notification.

This is such a unique summer and we're so grateful to be able to offer a (modified) summer camp experience to your camper. At the foundation of our camp is a commitment to kindness, cooperation and inclusivity, and I can't think of a better message to share with youth right now. We thank you for your continued support and patience as we navigate through this process.

Thank you,

Amy DiDominicis  
Camp Director