

## DAY CAMPS

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# COVID-19 REOPENING GUIDELINES



### HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Promote healthy hygiene practices such as hand washing and employees wearing a cloth face covering, as feasible.
- Intensity cleaning, disinfection and ventilation of facilities and transport vehicles/buses.
- Encourage social distancing through increased spacing, small groups, and limited mixing between groups, and staggered scheduling, arrival and drop off, if feasible.
- Adjust activities and procedures to limit sharing of items such as toys, belongings, supplies and equipment.
- Train all employees on health and safety protocols. DSS recommends that all summer day camps follow the child care licensing standards for staff children ratios. If there are five-year-olds enrolled, then the ratio should be at least one adult for every 20 children. If all the children attending the camp are between the ages of six and twelve, there should be at least one adult for every 23 kids.



### ONGOING MONITORING

- Develop and implement procedures to check for signs and symptoms in children and employees daily upon arrival.
  - Implement enhanced screening for children and employees who have recently been present in areas of high transmission, including temperate checks and symptom monitoring.
  - No individual who is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms or who has knowingly been in contact with a suspected positive case of COVID-19 within the past 14 days will be permitted to enter the facility. No individual may enter the facility within 72 hours of exhibiting a fever.
  - Establish procedures to ensure children and staff who become sick at the day camp or arrive at the facility sick are sent home as soon as possible. Keep sick children and staff separate from well children and staff until they can leave.
- a. If an employee develops symptoms and is sent home, he/she should follow the CDC guidelines with regard to when to discontinue home isolation and return to work.
  - b. All areas where the suspected or confirmed infected individual was present should be cleaned and disinfected following the CDC guidelines PRIOR to facility re-opening.
  - c. Follow guidance from DHEC Epidemiology that may be specific to the scenario.
- Regularly communicate and monitor developments with local authorities, employees and families regarding cases, exposures and updates to policies and procedures.
  - Monitor child and employee absences and have a pool of trained substitutes, and flexible leave policies and practices.
  - Be ready to consult with local health authorities if there are cases in the facility or an increase in cases in the local area.



### POSTERS/SIGNAGE

- Display relevant posters and signage from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), and/or other health-based organizations in appropriate activity areas to encourage behaviors that mitigate the spread of disease:–COVID-19 information–Handwashing–Cough etiquette–Symptoms associated with COVID-19–Stop the spread of germs–Physical distancing



### FIRST AID AND CPR

- If first aid and/or CPR is required during an activity, it is best to follow normal camp protocol that considers current guidance from state and local authorities including the fire and/or emergency services departments. DSS recommends that all summer day camps have at least one adult who is certified in pediatric first aid and CPR onsite at all times, including during group outings or field trips.



### SPORTS / RANGE ACTIVITIES

- Limit shared high-touch equipment and designate equipment to campers or groups for the duration of camp.
- All outdoor equipment and facilities should be routinely cleaned
- All shared equipment (e.g., bows and arrows, tennis rackets) should be cleaned immediately after each use or session.
- Cleaning and disinfection at the end of each day should also be conducted on all sports and range equipment.
- Provide campers with dedicated equipment for the camp session. All equipment (e.g., bows and arrows, tennis rackets) should be cleaned and disinfected immediately after each use.
- Cleaning and disinfection at the end of each day should also be conducted on all sports and range equipment.



### AQUATICS

COVID-19 is not waterborne. There is no current evidence that COVID-19 can be spread to people through the water in a pool or water play areas. Proper operation and maintenance (including disinfection with

chlorine or bromine) of these facilities will likely inactivate the virus in the water.

- Proper operation, maintenance, and disinfection of swimming pools will likely inactivate the virus that causes COVID-19. Keep swimming facilities properly cleaned and disinfected.
- Campers should follow physical distancing per groups/cohorts and perform proper hand hygiene prior to entry and when leaving pools or other outdoor aquatic facilities (e.g., lakes, ponds).
- Continue safe swim practices.
- Maintain spacing between individuals swimming by creating a rotation.
- Campers and instructors should follow physical distancing and proper hand hygiene practices prior to/following any small craft activity (e.g., individual kayaks, paddle boards, etc.).
- Consider keeping activities together to include the same group of campers each day and consider keeping the same instructors per group.
- All shared and used equipment (e.g., oars, lifejackets, boats) should be cleaned and disinfected between each use.
- Limit the amount of shared supplies and equipment per activity.

- Hand wash life jackets in hot soapy water.
- Allow to air dry and spray lifejackets with alcohol-based disinfectant spray. DSS recommends that all summer day camps follow the child care licensing standards for staff children ratios when children are swimming, wading, or near a body of water that poses a potential risk for younger children. If all the children attending the camp are between the ages of five and twelve, there should be at least two adults for every 25 kids. All swimming activities should be supervised by an adult with a current lifeguard training certification.

and other visitors coming into the indoor space and avoid possible exposure to children and caregivers.

- Limit visitors to the facility.



### PERFORMING ARTS

- Campers and instructors should follow recommended physical distancing and good hand hygiene practices prior to/following performing arts activities.
- Consider planning performing arts activities to include the same group of campers and instructors per group.
- All shared and used equipment (e.g., props) should be cleaned and disinfected between each use and the performing arts area should be cleaned and disinfected after use
- Consider designating certain equipment to individuals for the duration of camp to decrease the amount of shared items.

- Increased spacing for seating and physical distancing should be encouraged.
- Limit the number of individuals to the craft/STEM area, increased spacing and physical distancing, and require staff to wear masks or face coverings.
- Consider keeping activities together to include the same group of campers and instructors per group.
- All shared and used equipment (e.g., tools, scissors, paint brushes) should be cleaned and disinfected between each use. Limit the amount of shared supplies and equipment per activity.
- Designate certain equipment to individuals for the duration of camp, to decrease the number of shared items.



### GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR INDOOR ACTIVITIES

- Ensure enough space to accommodate staff and campers while practicing safe physical distancing.
- Staff members and campers should wear cloth face coverings during activities indoors when physical distancing is not maintained.
- Ensure that there is proper ventilation within the space by maximizing fresh air intake or natural ventilation via screened windows and doors.
- Conduct sign-in and handoff activities outside the front entrance to minimize parents



### CREATIVE ARTS/STEM

- All indoor creative arts and STEM activities should be conducted following physical distancing guidelines for camper groups and proper hygiene guidance.
- Consider moving activities outdoors.



### RESOURCES

#### accelerateSC

<https://accelerate.sc.gov>

#### Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)

Local businesses can access MUSC services for more hands-on and detailed assessments beyond what is provided in these documents by contacting [businesshealth@musc.edu](mailto:businesshealth@musc.edu) (843) 792-2840