4-H Day and Resident Camp Requirements During COVID-19

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Background

• Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, additional measures must be taken to ensure the health and safety of those involved in 4-H day and resident camp programs across the state.

• These measures reach beyond the existing policies and procedures contained in the 4-H Camp Safety Guidebook and the 4-H Camp Emergency Plan.
What you need to know

- Discuss camp with your County Director
- All camps (day and resident) must submit a COVID-19 Mitigation Plan to ANR Risk and Safety Services
- Plans will be reviewed by a safety team
- Counties will be notified if their plans are accepted
- Once the plan is accepted, the county is free to move forward with camp
- Camp will look different this year (and that’s okay)
# Questions to ask as a camp

**Should you consider opening?**
- Will reopening be consistent with applicable state and local orders? ✓
- Are you ready to protect children and employees at higher risk for severe illness? ✓
- Are you able to screen children and employees upon arrival for symptoms and history of exposure? ✓

**Are recommended health and safety actions in place?**
- Promote **healthy hygiene practices** such as hand washing and employees wearing a cloth face covering, as feasible ✓
- Maintain **distancing** 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 ✓
- Where 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 ✓

**Is ongoing monitoring in place?**
- Develop and implement procedures to check for **signs and symptoms** in children and employees daily upon arrival, as feasible ✓
- If feasible, implement enhanced screening and monitoring for children and employees who have recently been present in areas of high transmission, including temperature checks and symptom monitoring ✓
- Encourage anyone who is sick to **stay home** ✓
- Plan for if children or employees get sick ✓
- 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 the local health authorities if there are cases in the facility, or an increase in cases in the local area ✓

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**CDC**

[cdc.gov/coronavirus]

**Additional questions for consideration:**
- Has the County Director been made aware of your plans for camp and do they approve? ✓
- Are you willing and able to prepare a plan for submission to ANR Risk and Safety Services?
Creating a COVID-19 Mitigation Plan

• Separate from the 4-H Camp Emergency Plan
• Does not replace the emergency plan
• Counties will need to submit both
• Consists of the following:
  • Responses to the measures outlined in CDPH’s COVID-19 Industry Guidance for Day Camps (day and resident camps)
  • Responses to the measures outlined for drop off, pickup, dining and meals, and sleeping arrangements (resident camps only)
• Response = the steps your camp will take to meet a given measure
Example 01

- **Measure:** “Teach and reinforce washing hands, avoiding contact with one’s eyes, nose, and mouth, and covering coughs and sneezes among campers and staff.”

- **Response:** On the first day of camp we will teach proper handwashing procedures to all campers along with coughing and sneezing etiquette. This will be done in camper cohorts to enhance learning and retention. Signs and posters showing these procedures will be posted in conspicuous places to act as reminders.
• **Measure:** “Avoid buffet style, self-service configurations that require diners to use shared utensils. The use of “grab-n-go” services like boxed meals or pre-prepared trays are strongly encouraged.”

• **Response:** No self-service dining configurations will be used. Meals will be provided in “to-go” containers that can be taken to the individual’s assigned place-setting. If a meal cannot be provided in a “to-go” container, individuals will be served by dining staff who have washed and sanitized their hands prior to serving.
• **Measure:** “Take steps to ensure that all water systems [...] are safe to use after a prolonged facility shutdown to minimize the risk of Legionnaire’s disease and other diseases associated with water.”

• **Response:** Not Applicable – Our camp facility is rented from ABC Camp Properties of California. Maintenance of facility water systems are the responsibility of the facility owner and/or operator.
Question and answer session