



## **CSS Summer 2021 - COVID-19 Policies**

Please note, this is an evolving document, and as information changes, so will our COVID-19 guidelines for Summer 2021.

Dear CSS Community,

We have spent the last several months monitoring how the camping industry has responded to COVID-19. While most Jewish camps did not open during the summer, several private camps opened in a limited manner. The camping community has learned from their successes and from the various challenges of opening in 2020. We have taken these overnight camps' experiences and have begun to put together a working document that will help us open and operate a Camp safely in 2021.

Please note that this is written based on current information and testing protocols related to COVID-19. It is highly likely our policies and procedures will change as we lead up to next summer, and we will update and notify our community of any and all changes.

### **Introduction:**

The information surrounding COVID-19 is constantly changing and evolving. This document organizes COVID-19 procedures published by the CDC and American Camp Association, as well as our discussions with medical professionals into one place. The current guidelines outlined below intend to provide camp families and staff with information about how CSS is adopting policies and procedures to mitigate the risk of COVID-19.

#### Definitions:

Cabins: a single group, also known as a bunk at Schechter

Pod: combined cabins, not to exceed 50 individuals

In consultation with our Medical Advisory Team, Thurston County Health Department, and outside experts, we may adjust our health protocols as we continue to review the latest data and guidance from public-health officials. Parents will be asked to sign a COVID-19 waiver for all campers.

CSS will also require a medical clearance form for any camper with pre-existing health conditions. Rest assured that the health and well-being of our campers, staff, and community is our highest priority.

**Quarantining and Testing Before Camp:**

In order to minimize risk and maximize the health and well-being of all our campers and staff, we are requesting all campers remain vigilant and refrain from contact with people outside of their households and immediate family beginning 14 days before the start of their camp session.

During the 14 days before they arrive at CSS, campers will need to document daily health screenings at home. We will forward a Self-Screening Protocol that will ask campers' parents to track and log symptoms at home. All campers' Self-Screening Protocols must be uploaded for review by camp medical professionals to be admitted to Camp.

All campers will be required to take a COVID-19 test during this quarantine and provide it to Camp staff. If there are positive test results during this time we will follow the CDC's recommendation regarding periods of isolation and contagion.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html>

Each camper will be required to take a rapid COVID-19 diagnostic test upon arrival at Camp. Only campers with a negative test result will be permitted to enter Camp.

**Testing During Camp:**

Our current plan will involve testing on the first day, and campers will be tested multiple times throughout the first few weeks of their summer. Campers will also be tested before returning home.

**Health Center Enhancements:**

There will be a separate quarantine area for campers exhibiting symptoms associated with COVID-19 while at Camp. Should any members of our camp family exhibit COVID-19 symptoms or if COVID-19 is confirmed through testing, one or more dedicated nurses will tend exclusively to that quarantined area. Camp families will be informed if their camper(s) tests positive for COVID-19, and an immediate pick-up will be arranged for the camper's removal from Camp.

We will follow Thurston County Health Department's guidance on tracing, monitoring, and isolating individuals who have come into contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19. Should campers come in contact with an individual who tests positive, they will still be able to participate in camp activities as a small cohort and return to pod-wide events after several days and a negative rapid-test result.

**Sanitization Protocols:**

Sanitization protocols will follow CDC guidelines.

Sanitization enhancements:

- A daily electrostatic spray will be used in ALL areas of Camp with EPA hospital-grade disinfectant.
- Hand-sanitizer stations will be provided in every building, cabin, and high-traffic areas.
- Handwashing will be required prior to all meals and snacks.

- Our staff will clean all bathrooms, shared spaces, and high-traffic areas multiple times each day.
- Bathrooms will be sanitized frequently throughout the day between deep-cleanings.
- Sports equipment will be sanitized before and after a pod uses it.
- Similarly, waterfront equipment (e.g. life jackets, paddles, etc.) will be cleaned and sanitized after each use.

Additional signage will be posted throughout Camp as a reminder of health protocols.

### **Mask Policy:**

CSS campers and staff must wear masks when inside buildings except for when sleeping or showering.

### **Communication:**

If there is a confirmed positive case of COVID-19, we will notify all campers' families by email, while maintaining confidentiality consistent with current privacy laws. We are unable to share names or identifying information regarding medical information for any camper or staff member.

If your camper comes in contact with a child who later tests positive, we will communicate with you about your child's health and wellness status.

We are required to notify state and local health officials of any confirmed positive test.

### **Travel to Camp:**

As we get closer to Camp, we will inform families of our pick-up and drop-off procedures.

### **Camper Orientation:**

First-day rotations at CSS always include events in which the directors introduce campers to key staff, general camp rules, and important operational guidelines. This summer the following items will also be communicated:

- What Camp is doing to protect everyone from becoming ill
- Ground rules for operating in smaller groups
- Hand washing protocols
- Physical distancing guidelines and policies for when masks are necessary
- Dining hall procedures
- What symptoms to look out for and when to report them to a nurse
- Daily temperature checks

### **First 14 days of Camp:**

Campers will remain in their pods for outdoor socially distanced daily activities. They will travel with their cabin counselors and have a variety of activity choices. If there are no cases of COVID-19 after 14 days, we will return to a normal camp calendar and daily schedule.

**Meal Service:**

- All campers will eat with their pod groups
- Mealtimes will be staggered
- Meals will take place outdoors whenever the weather allows
- We will be adding large tents with adequate seating for pods
- When the weather dictates, we will use large tents from our retreat center and other larger indoor spaces
- The kitchen & dining hall will be cleaned & disinfected after each meal

**Trips :**

There will be no out of camp trips this summer. All campers will experience overnight camping throughout our 175-acre property. (Note: Odedim will still participate in the Rainier trip, but they will end their program with the trip and not return to Camp. Gesherim will also leave camp for their Israel trip and not return to camp.)

**Visitors:**

- We will be enforcing a strict "No Visitors" policy
- Only campers and staff will be allowed onto Camp property
- Tours and Open House are canceled for the season
- No delivery trucks will be permitted into main Camp. All deliveries will take place at our remote storage facility
- Goods and materials will be sanitized and brought into Camp by our maintenance team
- If essential service suppliers (e.g. propane) do need to enter Camp, drivers will not have any direct contact with campers or staff. They will be required to wear PPE and maintain physical distancing while on camp property.

**Conclusion:**

It is important to note that this document reflects the current conditions if Camp were to start today. We will continue to update these policies and provide greater detail when necessary as we get closer to the summer.

-The CSS Team