



2020 Summer Camps

Coronavirus Guidelines for Camp Operations

The City of Falls Church Recreation and Parks Department is committed to the safety and health of all summer camp participants, staff, and their families. To achieve and maintain the highest level of health and safety all summer camp programs will operate as outlined below. These practices were developed in accordance with guidance provided by the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the American Camp Association (ACA), Governor Ralph Northam, and state and local health and government officials.

- Social distancing will be enforced to the maximum extent while still allowing for the care and developmental needs of children. Campers must be kept at least 6 feet apart from each other and physical proximity will be limited to the maximum extent possible.
- All camps will adhere to the [summer camp mask/face covering requirements](#). All campers need to bring a face covering to camp daily.
- Indoor camps are limited to a maximum group size of 22 individuals (including staff), provided social distancing of six feet can be maintained. Camp maximums may be reduced to ensure six feet of social distance within the assigned camp facility.
- Outdoor camps are limited to a maximum group size of 40 individuals (including staff), provided social distancing of six feet can be maintained. A distance of ten feet must be maintained for sports camps.
- Groups of children may share the same physical space (e.g. classroom, gym) so long as social distancing of six feet can be maintained and children do not mix between groups. Rooms and camp sites will be physically arranged to provide each camper their own designated space 6 feet from other campers and staff.
- Full and close contact sports are prohibited. Campers are required to maintain social distancing of at ten feet when performing any physical activity that increases breathing rates and/or induces sweating.
- Outdoor camps will spend the majority of the camp day outdoors. When moved indoors, activities may be impacted.

- All staff and campers will undergo a health screening by staff prior to admittance to the camp facility.
- Any staff or camper exhibiting Covid-19 symptoms or found to have been in close contact with a Covid-19 individual will be sent home.
- Staff and campers who are feeling ill should remain home.
- Any camper who is ill or displays symptoms of Covid-19 will be removed from the group and isolated until they can be picked up. Staff who are ill will be sent home.
- If a camper or staff member is found to be Covid-19 positive, staff will follow Fairfax County Health Department recommendations.
- Activities will be limited to those which can be done individually or while remaining socially distant with limited sharing of supplies or equipment.
- All equipment will be cleaned/disinfected between use by campers
- Campers and staff will wash their hands upon camp arrival, before and after snacks and lunch, and when entering exiting the camp facilities.
- Campers will eat lunch in their designated camp facility (classroom, gym, or field) whenever possible. Social distancing will be maintained.
- Campers should provide their own lunch, snack and reusable water bottle labeled with their name.
- Campers should limit their personal belongings to one bag labeled with their name and avoid sharing items with other campers.