

Decoma Day Camp's COVID-19 Action Plan



After a successful 2020 season, here are the health and safety measures that will be implemented at Decoma Day Camp this summer in order to operate safely. Please note that this information is subject to change dependent on any and all information received with regard to best practices for this camp season. We are awaiting the most up to date guidelines from both the Illinois Department of Health (IDPH) and the ACA so that we can ensure we adopt their most current recommendations and protocols. All enrolled families will receive any updated safety and operational protocols before the start of camp and will be notified as to changes that we may be required to make during the season.

Decoma Day Camp's Preliminary Camp Guidelines Assessment

HIGHER RISK CAMPERS: If your camper has a pre-existing medical condition or is for any reason at a higher risk for complications related to COVID-19, please consult with your child's healthcare provider and inform Decoma as soon as possible so that we can work together to assess risk and come up with an individual plan for your family.

CAMP GROUPS: The most important piece of ALL guidelines received is grouping campers in static groups of no more than 15 campers with as little intermingling as possible with campers and staff outside their group. Medical experts are in agreement that this model is the key to limiting your camper's exposure to COVID-19 and to aid in contact tracing, should it be necessary.

- We will do our best to honor any and all camp group requests although, please know that due to restrictions, we may have to get creative.
- Your camper's group and counselor(s) will be considered a HOUSEHOLD.
- Your camper's HOUSEHOLD will join with other HOUSEHOLDS to form a NEIGHBORHOOD. A NEIGHBORHOOD is a group of 50 or less individuals (the limit set forth in Phase 4 of Restore Illinois). If we are to move into "A Bridge to Phase 5," we may be able to increase the overall Neighborhood capacities. When in their NEIGHBORHOOD, individual HOUSEHOLDS need to practice social distancing techniques and will be required to wear face masks when indoors and outdoors.

MAJOR CHANGES: The changes below may impact you as parents. Out of an abundance of caution we have determined these changes necessary to ensure safety of our campers and staff and limit exposure to outside factors while not taking away from your child's camp experience. These changes may be tough on you as parents, and us as directors and staff but ***it is our goal to provide your children with a carefree summer filled with fun and laughter!***

- **Transportation To/From Camp**
 - **Busing via Central Stops.** We will be offering a limited number of buses utilizing central stops. Temperature and health checks will be conducted at the stops prior to the campers boarding the bus. We are hoping that the central stops will allow for shorter bus routes, and therefore, less time that our campers will be spending "indoors" with other campers outside their small groups. Campers will be assigned seats on the bus and will be required to sit with a family member, or if possible, another camper in his/her regular small camp group. Masks will be required for all campers and staff at all times on the bus.
 - **Campers not utilizing busing will be dropped-off and picked up at camp.** Parents will be assigned a drop-off time in the morning and a pick-up time in the afternoon. These times will be staggered and will pertain to your child's NEIGHBORHOOD. **If you have two or more**

campers attending Decoma this summer, you can choose which NEIGHBORHOOD time to drop-off and pick-up but we ask that you make that decision before the start of camp and remain consistent with doing so. This will ensure that we have a proper area and staff member to supervise your campers.

- Your campers' temperature will be taken via a touchless thermal thermometer by a Decoma staff member upon arrival to camp.
- **Miscellaneous**
 - **There will be no extended before and after care offered this summer.** Due to grouping and staff restrictions we are unable to provide before and after care. Doing so, would expose your campers to other campers and staff members outside of their HOUSEHOLDS.
 - **There will be no field trips and possibly no specialty camps** (horseback riding, golf or tennis) this summer.
 - **Unfortunately, our open-door policy will have to be suspended for this summer.** As much as it breaks our hearts, there will be no Family Night or Grandparent's Day. In addition, we will film any camp productions (talent show, boat regatta, etc.) and make these videos accessible to our families.

CAMP ACTIVITIES

- **Campers will participate in all camp activities by group.** As in past years, the groups will have a predetermined schedule where they will participate in all camp activities deemed safe and allowable at least once a week. There will be no Camper's Choice.
- Some activities may be limited.
- Activity staff will be required to wear face coverings and will maintain a safe social distance from campers whenever possible.
- Due to the enhanced social distancing and safety guidelines, the number of campers in the locker rooms and during each swim period will be limited. Therefore, campers will most likely only swim once a day. Swim periods will be a hybrid of instructional and free swim. Campers will receive swim instruction in their HOUSEHOLD group.
- Schedules will be organized so that all communal spaces, activity areas and shared equipment will be properly cleaned and disinfected as needed or required. Campers' schedules will have breaks throughout the day and before/after meals to use the bathrooms, wash their hands, and allow for staff to tend to all necessary cleaning and disinfecting procedures.

LUNCH

- We will be able to provide our typical DELICIOUS Decoma hot lunches.
- Lunchroom capacity will be limited. Group counselors will be responsible for plating all lunches while wearing the proper PPE and following strict food handling guidelines. Groups will be adequately spaced at six feet apart or more. The lunchroom will be sanitized in between every seating.
- We will be eating outdoors much of the time and the same lunch-room rules will apply.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Our Health Center team will take each staff member's temperature daily.
- Counselors will have hand sanitizer on them and will be applying it to their campers' hands throughout the day.
- Activity Staff will have a bleach-based cleaning mixture to sanitize equipment between each HOUSEHOLD.

- Enhanced disinfecting methods will be used to clean buildings, seating areas, lunchroom, locker rooms, and other high touch areas.
- Parents will be required to sign an Assumption of Risk form.
- Camp will not allow visitors or tours this season.
- Any and all vendors that must access camp for essential logistical purposes will be screened prior to their entry, and their contact with members of our camp community will be as limited as possible.

MASK POLICY

- **We are following all CDC, ACA and Cook County Department of Public Health's recommendations on masking. At this time, guidelines recommend that campers and staff be masked when both indoors and outdoors.**
 - Unless and until we hear otherwise, Decoma campers will be required to wear masks when outdoors as well as indoors with their HOUSEHOLD groups (with the exception of swimming).
 - It will be necessary for campers to wear face coverings during indoor activities, especially during rainy day schedules when outdoor spaces are unable to be utilized (with the exception of eating).

TRAVEL GUIDELINES

We are following all CDC, ACA and Cook County Department of Public Health's travel guidelines. *The travel guidelines are fluid and as such, Decoma reserves the right to amend or change our policies regarding travel if the governing bodies warrant it.* Decoma is not in a position to restrict family choices; however we have an obligation to maintain protocols to keep all members of our community as safe as possible. **Those who choose to travel should get tested with a PCR test 3-5 days after travel AND stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel. If the test is positive, campers or staff will need to isolate in order to protect others from getting infected. If opting not to get tested, campers or staff must stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.** The guidance is based on travel, regardless of mode of transportation. The CDC does not differentiate between driving, flying, or taking trains.

For those persons who are fully vaccinated: having had two weeks since the second dose, the health experts do not require a quarantine. Vaccinated individuals should continue to follow current guidance to protect themselves and others, including wearing a mask, staying at least 6 feet away from others, avoiding crowds, avoiding poorly ventilated spaces, covering coughs and sneezes, and washing hands often.

At this time no children have been vaccinated against COVID-19, thus quarantine protocols apply to all campers attending Decoma Day Camp. Children should follow quarantine protocols following travel to safely return to camp.

SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19 AT CAMP

- If a camper or staff member displays symptoms of COVID-19 while at camp, they will be isolated immediately. The camper's family will be notified to come and pick up their camper. Campers will remain in isolation under the care of our staff until your arrival.
- If a camper or staff member does contract COVID-19, they should remain isolated at home for a minimum of 10 days after symptom onset and can be released after feverless and feeling well (without fever-reducing medication) for at least 72 hours OR has 2 negative COVID-19 tests in a row, with testing done at least 24 hours apart.

- According to guidance put forth by the CDC: The rest of the HOUSEHOLD group will be notified of a positive test result immediately. The campers in that HOUSEHOLD should
 - Stay home until 14 days after their last exposure.
 - Check their temperature twice a day and watch for symptoms of COVID19

Out of an abundance of caution we feel that at this time, these are the necessary procedures to ensure a safe summer for all. At Decoma, we always meet and exceed the necessary health and safety standards that are considered to be best practices in our industry. We believe that with all the information we have obtained thus far, this summer will be no different. Keep in mind that camp has never been, nor will it ever be, a perfectly controlled environment; your campers go home each day and although we would love to spend 24/7 with them, we are faced with a truly unique set of challenges. Our goal is to provide an exceptional summer experience for our campers and their families (especially during a time when they've never needed it more), one that is based on a balanced assessment of the risks and the potential benefits for our camp community. After an incredible 2020 summer, we know for certain that we can have an amazingly successful and fun 73rd summer while maintaining our camp traditions.