

**Christian Church (DOC) of Northern California/Nevada Region  
Community of the Great Commission  
2022 COVID-19 Procedures**

The Outdoor Ministry Committee of the Christian Church (DOC) of Northern California/Nevada Region has oversight for the Region's summer camp program at the Community of the Great Commission. The Region will use a layered approach to creating a safe space for summer camp. As we continue to live through the COVID-19 pandemic, the Outdoor Ministry Committee will review these procedures that will enable the Region to offer summer camp. All participants, volunteer adults and campers, that attend a camp experience this summer will covenant to follow these procedures.

The Outdoor Ministry Committee will work with the site staff of the Community of the Great Commission (CGC) and United Camps Conferences and Retreats (UCCR) to ensure that the camp management understands the Region's procedures, coordinates with the volunteer staff who run the camp programs, and abides by the regulations set by The State of California and the Department of Public Health and COVID-19 protocols.

We anticipate that, as the science changes and the pandemic is under more control, revisions will be made to these procedures. If that happens, information will be sent to congregations, clergy, and those registered for summer camp at CGC. Thank you for your patience and prayers.

**I) Pre-Camp: Health Awareness for Volunteer Staff**

- 10 days before camp, site staff and volunteer staff must begin to daily take their temperature and monitor health for COVID-19 symptoms through a health log which will be provided. They must record their temperature and check mark if they have had any of these symptoms: fever, sore throat, respiratory issues, vomiting, and diarrhea. They must also share if they or their family have been out of the country in the last month. This log will be given to the nurse upon arrival at camp.
- It is the strong preference of the Outdoor Ministry Committee and the Christian Church (DOC) of Northern California/Nevada Region, that, if possible and available to them, the site staff and volunteer staff should be vaccinated prior to camp. The camp nurse should also be vaccinated prior to camp.
- Masks are required for all staff. Gaiters and face shields are not considered masks and cannot be used. Masks containing ventilation devices or valves are also not allowed. Bring at least 5 masks for the week that are KN95, fabric or surgical masks that sunlight cannot be seen through.

**II) Pre-Camp: Health Awareness for Campers:**

- 10 days before camp, campers must begin to daily take their temperature and monitor health for COVID-19 symptoms through a health log which will be provided. They must

record their temperature and check mark if they have had any of these symptoms: fever, sore throat, respiratory issues, vomiting, and diarrhea. They must also share if they or their family have been out of the country in the last month. This log will be given to the nurse upon arrival at camp.

- Masks are required for all campers. Gaiters and face shields are not considered masks and cannot be used. Masks containing ventilation devices or valves are also not allowed. Bring at least 5 masks for the week that are KN95, fabric or surgical masks that sunlight cannot be seen through.
- A supplemental packing list will be emailed to all registered campers for items to bring to their camp and items to leave at home.

### **III) First Day of Camp Check-In**

- Parents/Guardians or congregation representatives will not be able to tour the camp when dropping off their camper(s).
- Campers will arrive as close as possible within a designated time frame assigned to them. Parent/Guardians and campers will remain in their vehicle at a designated parking area until the check-in staff comes to their car.
- The camp nurse will meet individually with each camper at their vehicle to go over their medical form, to check in their medications, to answer any questions the camper or their parents/guardians may have, and hear any concerns. All campers will also have their temperature taken, and will have a COVID-19 health screening at this time.
- When a camper checks in at camp, his/her family will not be allowed to the cabins or other areas of the site. Once a camper completes the check in process, they say good-bye at the car and will go to their cabin and remain with their small group and counselors either in their cabin or another designated area.

### **IV) During Camp:**

- Monitoring – We will have daily temperature checks and health screening every morning and evening as a part of ongoing monitoring of the health and safety of the campers, counselors, staff, and volunteers.
- All activities, including play, prayer, worship, study, and service will include mask wearing, distancing, and frequent hand washing/sanitizing.
- Masks are required at all times indoors, unless you are showering or brushing your teeth. There will be mask breaks outdoors.
- Large group activities, (worship, keynote, games, meals) will be structured so that small groups stay together and distanced from other small groups.
- If a camper or counselor shows symptoms of COVID-19 during camp, that individual will be isolated from their small group, with proper supervision, while awaiting a parent/guardian to arrive to take the camper home. It matters not if that is day 1, hour 1 or day 4, hour 18. For the well-being of their small group and the entire camp, campers or counselors with symptoms of COVID-19 will be required to leave the property. The camp nurse will work with the family, director, and site manager to determine next steps.

- Campers or Counselors with medical conditions that could present as COVID-19 will be first monitored, and then in consultation with medical staff, the camp directors will determine if that camper should leave camp.
- Camp bathrooms and shared spaces (i.e. Dining Hall) will be cleaned and disinfected daily. There will be signs encouraging safe practices posted around camp (i.e. handwashing, not leaving toiletries on counter tops, etc.)
- There will be adjustments to the facilities to allow for social distancing and open air spaces. The Dining Hall, Bobbitt Hall, and Claar Hall will have all the doors opened and fans circulating air through the building.
- As far as possible, campers will be asked to sleep alternatingly in upper and lower bunks, providing as much social distancing as possible.
- Contact During the Week – Parents/Guardians will be required to give a phone number that is the best way to reach them in the event of an emergency. As we will be on high alert regarding possible COVID risks, we ask that parents/guardians are especially attentive to calls from Camp so that we may be able to address any possible issues as rapidly as possible.
- Small Group Life - While this impacts some camp programs more than others, we will be having cabin groups stay together for most of the week. This would include meal-times and study groups.
- We are asking that siblings who identify as the same gender be put in the same cabin, and that as much as possible, cabin groups will be occupied by those who traveled to Camp together (i.e. if your church drove up together, all of the people who identify as the same gender would be asked to stay in the same cabin).
- Mealtimes – The tables will be distanced from one another and we will make use of outdoor picnic tables and some staggered meal times can be established, but the whole cabin will sit together for all meals. Cleaning will be carried out by camp staff after every meal. UCCR and site staff are continuously working on the safest food service procedures and will follow state and CDC guidelines for food service.
- Singing can be a large part of the camp experience. The camp directors will determine the times and places for singing. Masks (as always) will be required during singing.

## **V) Last Day / Pick Up at Camp**

- When parent/guardian or congregational transportation arrives to pick up campers, they will be directed to a designated parking area and asked to remain in their vehicles.
- When confirmed that transportation is on site, camper(s) will be released from their small group to their parent/guardian or congregational transportation.
- Sign out procedures will be conducted at the parent's/guardian's car or congregational transportation.

## **VI) Post Camp Notification**

- If a camper/counselor is sent home with COVID-19 symptoms they agree to get a COVID-19 test and report results to the camp director.
- Parents will receive an email and/or text reminder that if your camper shows COVID-19 symptoms in the next week, please contact the camp director.

- If a camper receives a positive COVID-19 test within a week of leaving camp, the camper's parent/guardian must contact the camp director.
- If a counselor or director receives a positive COVID-19 test within a week of leaving camp, they must report to the camp director and the CCNC/N Region
- Contact tracing will begin if it is deemed to do so by the Health Department, the Christian Church (DOC) of Northern California/Nevada Region, or United Camps Conferences and Retreats.

## **VII. Isolation Protocols and Procedures for Testing**

- If an individual meets the requirements for isolation, they will be accompanied immediately by a nurse to an isolation area. Their parent/guardian will be asked to pick them up, and the rest of the cabin will enter into isolation within their cabin as the director determines next steps.
- If this is the case, our campers, counselors, and site staff will be monitored regularly for symptoms. All of the camp will be cleaned thoroughly.
- We will contact the parents/guardians of those who are planning to attend in the coming weeks to let them know if there has been a positive case of COVID-19 at any camp session. Of course, if they do not feel comfortable sending their child to camp, we will offer a full refund for their registration.
- If there are multiple positive cases of COVID-19 from across the camp, CGC will be closed for assessment and the Health Department and the Center for Disease Control will be notified.