



Guidance for Summer Camps in Phase One and Phase 2 Reopening May 20, 2020

We have received many requests for guidance to plan summer youth camps. As it is difficult to know what phase of the “Reopening the Big Sky” strategy we will be in at the time of your summer camp, we are providing guidance for Phases 1 and 2. There may be additional guidance for Phase 3 before summer’s end, but planning with Phase 1 in mind will give you an understanding of the protective measures needed to prevent COVID-19 in children and camp staff.

Plan Ahead

1. **Develop a written plan** to manage Phase 1 or 2 operations. Be sure to address any issues unique to your operation and location.
2. **Adhere to quarantine travel restrictions.** All potential campers who are not Montana residents or who have traveled out of state must be quarantined for 14 days in Montana prior to coming to the camp. **Beginning June 1**, with the outset of Phase 2, this quarantine is no longer required.
3. **Organize activities and sleeping arrangements** to avoid gathering in groups of more than 10 people in circumstances that do not readily allow for appropriate physical distancing. This can be expanded to 50 in Phase 2, beginning June 1.
 - a. **If your camp will have a total of more than 50 staff and participants, please submit a plan to Lewis and Clark Public Health that identifies how you will manage physical distancing.**
 - b. Maintain physical distancing between groups during activities. Whenever possible, maintain physical distancing between individuals.
4. **Plan to clean and sanitize** all shared equipment between individuals and groups.
5. **Strongly encourage the use of cloth face masks.**
6. **Identify a location in which to isolate anyone who develops symptoms** of COVID-19 until they can be sent home, ensuring that children are not left without adult supervision.
7. **Stagger arrival and drop-off times** or adopt other protocols to maintain social distancing between family groups and camp staff at these busy times.
8. **Train all staff and volunteers** on all prevention plans and measures you will put into place.
9. **Be prepared to support respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene.**
 - a. Provide tissues and no-touch disposal receptacles.

- b. Provide hand-washing facilities with soap and water and single-use towels. If hand washing with soap and water is not feasible, provide an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- c. Discourage handshaking and encourage the use of other noncontact methods of greeting.

At Camp

1. **Conduct health assessments** of all attendees and staff at the beginning of each camp and again at the beginning of each day. Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 must be sent home. Symptoms include fever, cough, difficulty breathing, body aches, and sore throat.
2. **Routinely clean and sanitize.**
 - a. Clean and sanitize shared equipment between users.
 - b. Use the cleaning agents that you usually do, and follow the directions on the labels.
 - c. After you clean, then sanitize. A list of sanitizers effective against the virus that causes COVID-19 is located on the EPA website: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>
3. **Meals**
 - a. Eliminate all buffet style serving of meals. Serve plated meals.
 - b. Stagger mealtimes to maintain 6 feet of separation between groups.
 - c. Clean and sanitize tables and other common surfaces in between mealtimes.
4. **Cabins**
 - a. Do not allow more than 10 in each cabin or room. Keep groups together.
 - b. Space out seating and bedding (head-to-toe positioning) to 6 feet apart if possible
5. **Outdoor activities.** Do not allow activities and games if physical distancing between groups cannot be maintained. This includes participants and spectators.

If you have questions or need technical assistance, please call Lewis and Clark Public Health at 457-8900. Thank you for helping to protect our community from COVID-19.

If you suspect Coronavirus, contact your medical provider.

For a link to this document and other local information: www.lccountymt.gov/covid-19