



DEERKILL DAY CAMP COVID-19 PREVENTION AND RESPONSE PLAN

In 2020, Deerkill operated successfully for six weeks with **NO confirmed cases of COVID-19**. The *Deerkill COVID-19 PREVENTION & RESPONSE PLAN* that was implemented for the summer of 2020 operated on 3 main assumptions for camp to open:

1. We had the appropriate supervisory and support staff to safely and effectively operate;
2. We could implement an effective plan to significantly minimize camper and staff exposure to COVID-19 and had systems in place to impede an outbreak from occurring; and
3. We received a permit to operate from our local Health Department.

This plan was prepared using guidance from the NY State Board of Health along with recommendations of the American Camp Association (ACA), Environmental Health & Engineering and Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- **Testing:** Staff was tested prior to entry to camp.
- **Screening:** All campers and staff were asked to log their temperatures every morning.
- **COVID case response:** Should a camper or staff have received a positive test after starting camp, that individual would immediately depart camp. All families and staff would be notified of a case (without identifying individual). Any member of that individual's group would be asked to stay at home for a minimum of 14 days. All parents would be refunded or credited for any days missed and all staff paid for any days missed due to mandatory quarantine.
- **Bus Transportation:** All campers and staff wore masks while riding a bus.
- **Parent Transportation:** Parents were assigned a window of time to drop off and pick up their child at camp.
- **Visitor Policy:** There were no parent visitors allowed at camp.
- **Masks & Social Distancing:** Other than buses, campers were only required to wear masks on rare occasions indoors when they are not able to maintain social distancing or on partial rain days. Almost all of our scheduled activities took place outdoors in small groups. Groups of campers were not allowed to mix with each other. Staff were required to wear masks whenever directly supervising campers. Masks were provided to staff by the camp.
- **Hand Sanitizer/Handwashing:** Sanitizer and portable handwashing stations were placed throughout camp.
- **Lunch:** Lunch was served in individual bags supplemented by bagged or unpeeled fruit, yogurt cups, bagged chips, water and regular or chocolate milk. Individually wrapped refreshments were provided as always.
- **Swimming:** Instructional and free swim were combined into one long period by group to minimize changing time and ensure enough social distance in the pool.
- **Trips:** There were no off-site trips.
- **Rainy Days:** Camp was closed on days forecast with prolonged and persistent rain. There was only one official "Rain Day" (Tropical Storm Isaias) for which each camper family received a prorated credit and staff was still paid.
- **Cleaning/Disinfection:** We hired an additional three custodial staff whose only role was to clean and disinfect common areas (including bathrooms) and shared equipment. Any shared equipment (e.g. basketballs, tennis racquets, etc.) were disinfected between groups. Any small supplies (e.g. crayons, woodworking tools, etc.) were separated and assigned to each group.