

# CAMP WHISKERS & WAGS COVID-19 PLAN FOR 2021

## OVERVIEW

Since the COVID-19 Dial Framework has expired and El Paso County has moved away from that model, we will have in-person camp this summer. We will still be limiting attendance to minimize exposures and prevent more significant outbreaks. We will be doing this by:

- Limiting attendance to a max capacity of 20 campers per week.
- 2 Junior Counselors max will be allowed to help each week.
- Groups will be split into 2 "pods":
  - o Pod 1:
    - 10 campers
    - 1 Junior Counselor
    - 1 Staff Counselor
  - o Pod 2:
    - 10 campers
    - 1 Junior Counselor
    - 1 Staff Counselor

The only case in which we will move to a virtual camp model is if there is a positive COVID-19 case or outbreak at Camp Whiskers & Wags. Please see the following sections about when we will move to that model.

If your child has a positive COVID-19 test within 14 days before attending camp, while in camp, or within 14 days after camp, you need to notify the Youth Education Manager of Camp Whiskers and Wags so we can take appropriate action. If your child tests positive during their week of camp or within the 14 days after camp, we need to report this to El Paso County Health Department, so it is imperative that you let us know.

## Symptoms

The following symptoms will be grouped into the different corresponding categories below and referred to throughout the document:

- Critical Symptom
  - o Loss of taste or smell
- Major Symptoms
  - o Feeling feverish, having chills, temperature of 100.4° F or greater
  - o New or worsening cough
  - o Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Minor Symptoms
  - o Sore throat
  - o Runny nose or congestion
  - o Muscle or body aches
  - o Headache
  - o Fatigue
  - o Nausea, vomiting
  - o Diarrhea

## NONPHARMACEUTICAL INTERVENTIONS (NIPS)

A nonpharmaceutical intervention (NPI) is an action that can help mitigate the spread of a disease besides getting vaccinated or taking medication. For our 2021 camp season, we will implement the following NPIs whenever and wherever possible:

- Masks
  - o All campers, Junior Counselors, Staff Counselors, volunteers, family members and guardians, and other visitors will be required to wear a mask whenever and wherever possible, regardless if you are fully vaccinated or not.
    - We require masks as we might have staff, camp visitors, Junior Counselor teen volunteers, or campers who are either not old enough to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, have chosen not to get the vaccine, or do not have antibodies from recovering from the disease. To keep everyone as safe as possible, we require that everyone

- o still wear masks while at camp.
- o Proper mask-wearing will be enforced, including wearing a mask that properly fits snugly against the face, covers the nose and mouth at all times, and a mask that is made up of multiple layers. If you can hold up your mask to a light source and see light through your mask, it is not sufficient.
- o If a camper arrives and has forgotten their mask or their mask breaks, they will be given a disposable mask to wear for the day.
- Outdoor Activities
  - o As many activities as possible will take place outside including but not limited to:
    - Check in/check out
    - Lunch
    - Games
    - Visitor Talks
  - o Due to the increase in outdoor time, campers will be exposed to the outdoor elements more than usual. We encourage campers to bring appropriate clothing and we will encourage campers to re-apply sunscreen multiple times throughout the day.
- Social Distancing
  - o Campers will be seated 6ft apart as much as possible including:
    - When working at tables or stations
    - During story times
    - When we have guest speakers
    - During lunch
  - o 6ft increments and seating placements will be marked off with tape and we will assign spots for campers to be in for the whole week. Campers will be allowed to sit at the same table as siblings and/or friends if requested.
  - o All games that we implement will be games that don't include touching.
  - o All activities that have manipulatives or other materials that campers share, we will:
    - Ensure all manipulatives and materials are disinfected before

use.

- Ask that students use hand sanitizer or wash hands immediately after touching the manipulatives or materials.
- All manipulatives and materials will be disinfected after the activity.
- Group Size
  - o As noted above, there will be two "pods" that we have throughout the week. These "pods" will take turns when tours areas inside the shelter and other locations to limit the number of students interacting with staff and other shelter guests.
- Health Screening
  - o Families will be asked to identify if their camper has a pre-existing condition on the registration form for camp, indicating if they are at higher risk for COVID-19. If so, those campers will be encouraged to consult their doctor before attending camp.
  - o Due to the changing developments of how best to pre-screen for COVID-19, all campers, staff, volunteers, families/guardians, and all other visitors might be asked to complete the following. This might change due to developments in state guidelines and regulations leading up to camp or while camp is being implemented. Any pre-screening precautions will be communicated with parents/guardians before their camp week.
    - A temperature check.
    - Pre-screening questions about any COVID-19 symptoms that you have experienced over the past 14 days.
    - If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
    - If you have been in close contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
    - If you have traveled out of the county, state, or country within the past 14 days.
    - A negative COVID-19 rapid test

result.

- Sanitation
  - o The classroom and high touch areas will be disinfected regularly in accordance with Child Care Licensing requirements.
- Other NPIs
  - o During check in, pens will be sanitized in between uses. The table will also be disinfected after check in and check out each day. We will also have parents space themselves out in 6ft spaces to check in.
    - Move check in/out outside and implement a staggered check in system.
  - o Graduation ceremony would be filmed and distributed to parents to limit the number of people in the building.
  - o Guest speakers
    - We expect some of our guest speakers might cancel and therefore we will have backup plans as needed.
    - If guest speaker brings an animal, hand sanitizer will be used after touching any and all animals.

### Virtual Camp

If we have to quarantine a “pod” or both “pods” due to a suspected COVID-19 case, a positive COVID-19 case, or outbreak, parents/guardians will be given the option to receive a refund for the days missed of their camp registration fee or they can donate it to HSPPR. Our camp registration fee is \$180 for the weeklong camp, which means that each day is \$36. So, for example, if we have to cancel camp on a Wednesday through the end of the week, you will receive a proportional refund of \$108 (the camper is missing Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday). A virtual camp option will be offered in its place for a smaller fee. If the camper is over 12 years old and fully vaccinated or can prove by a doctor's note that they have the COVID antibodies, they will not need to quarantine and can continue in-person

camp.

### COVID-19 Vaccinations

We encourage all staff members, camp visitors, Junior Counselor teen volunteers, and campers 12 years old or older to receive the COVID-19 vaccine(s) at least 2 weeks before attending camp. Individuals are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving the two-dose vaccine series of Pfizer or Moderna or two weeks after the one vaccine of Johnson & Johnson. If individuals are fully vaccinated and there is a suspected or positive COVID-19 case in camp, those individuals who are fully vaccinated will not have to quarantine and can continue participation in camp as usual. This also applies to children who have a doctor's note stating that they have recovered from COVID-19 and have the antibodies. Individuals who are not fully vaccinated will have to quarantine if they are deemed a close contact per Colorado state guidelines. Proof of vaccination or that your child has the antibodies will need to be provided.

### When a Camper Presents Symptoms

We will follow the guidelines and flowcharts that the State of Colorado has developed and recommends for [schools and childcare centers](#). We will also be posting copies of the flowcharts and policies that are relevant to the possible scenarios in our classroom as well as on the [Camp Whiskers and Wags webpage](#). The basics of the plan are outlined below but please refer to the posted and linked documents for more detailed information.

- If a child presents the Critical Symptom of loss of taste or smell, the camper will be asked to put on a mask (if not already wearing one), separate from the group, and be sent home. The camper will be asked to complete a COVID-19 PCR test and communicate the results back to the Youth Education Manager of Camp Whiskers and Wags for contact tracing and state reporting purposes. The rest

of the “pod” that the camper was in will also be sent home and notified that they have been in close contact with someone presenting COVID-19 symptoms. The rest of the camp for that “pod” will be cancelled, parents/guardians will be refunded for the days cancelled, and campers will be encouraged to quarantine following the [state guidelines](#).

- If a child presents any Major or Minor symptom that is not consistent with an existing chronic condition or what is considered baseline for that child, the camper will be asked to put on a mask (if not already wearing one), separate from the group, and be sent home. In order for the camper to return to camp, their symptoms must be resolved within 48 hours of symptom onset (without any additional medications such as fever reducers or other medications that the child does not regularly take) or a negative COVID-19 PCR test.
  - o The rest of the “pod” will continue camp as usual and parents/guardians will be notified at the end of the day that there has been a child in your “pod” that has presented symptoms of COVID-19. Parents/guardians will be given the option to pull their child from camp for the rest of camp if they wish and receive a refund for the days that their child will not be in camp.
    - If the child that presented symptoms gets a COVID-19 PCR test and the result is positive, the rest of the camp for that “pod” will be cancelled, parents/guardians will be refunded for the days cancelled, and campers will be encouraged to quarantine following the [state guidelines](#).
    - If the child that presented symptoms has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, the rest of the camp for that “pod” will be cancelled, parents/guardians will be refunded for the days cancelled, and campers will

be encouraged to quarantine following the [state guidelines](#).

- We will check in regularly with the parent/guardian listed on the registration paperwork of the child who presented symptoms for the remainder of the week to see how the camper is doing. If the camper develops any new Major or Minor symptoms or has not improved after 4 days, the rest of the camp for that “pod” will be cancelled, parents/guardians will be refunded for the days cancelled, and campers will be encouraged to quarantine following the [state guidelines](#).
  - o If the 4-day period ends after the camp is complete, parents/guardians will still be notified and encouraged to quarantine following the [state guidelines](#). For example, if the child presents symptoms on Thursday and their symptoms do not go away by the following Monday, parents/guardians of campers that were in camp with the child the previous week will still be notified and encouraged to quarantine.
- If an additional child, teen volunteer, or staff member starts to present any Major or Minor symptom that is not consistent with an existing chronic condition or what is considered baseline for that child/staff member, the rest of the camp for that “pod” will be cancelled, parents/guardians will be refunded for the days cancelled, and campers will be encouraged to quarantine following the [state guidelines](#).
- Any campers who are 12 years old or older and are deemed fully vaccinated will not have to quarantine in the event of a positive or suspected COVID-19 case. Fully vaccinated staff, camp visitors, Junior Counselor teen volunteers or individuals who have tested positive for the antibodies will be allowed back

in person. In this case, all individuals must either provide proof of vaccination or documentation from a doctor that the individual who wants to participate in camp has the antibodies and it is safe for them to do so.

### **When a Staff Member or Junior Counselor Teen Volunteer Presents Symptoms**

We will follow the guidelines and flowcharts that the State of Colorado has developed and recommends for [schools and childcare centers](#). We will also be posting copies of the flowcharts and policies that are relevant to the possible scenarios in our classroom as well as on the [Camp Whiskers and Wags webpage](#). The basics of the plan are outlined below but please refer to the linked documents for more detailed information.

- If a staff member or teen volunteer presents the Critical Symptom of loss of taste or smell, the staff member or teen volunteer will be asked to put on a mask (if not already wearing one) and be sent home. If the staff member or teen volunteer decides to get a COVID-19 PCR test and the result is positive, we ask that they notify the Youth Education Manager immediately. Any close contacts, including their assigned “pod” of campers, will be notified that they have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. The rest of the camp for that “pod” will be cancelled, parents/guardians will be refunded for the days cancelled, and campers will be encouraged to quarantine following the [state guidelines](#).
- If a staff member or teen volunteer presents any Major or Minor symptom that is not consistent with an existing chronic condition or what is considered baseline for that person, the staff member or teen volunteer will be asked to put on a mask (if not already wearing one) and be sent home. If the staff member or teen volunteer decides to get a COVID-19 PCR test and the result is

positive, we ask that they notify the Youth Education Manager immediately. Any close contacts, including their assigned “pod” of campers, will be notified that they have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. The rest of the camp for that “pod” will be cancelled, parents/guardians will be refunded for the days cancelled, and campers will be encouraged to quarantine following the [state guidelines](#).

- o If the staff member decides not get a COVID-19 PCR test, they will be asked to stay home until their symptoms have been resolved for 48 hours (without any additional medications such as fever reducers or other medications that the staff member does not regularly take) and if they are not presenting any new additional Major or Minor symptoms. If they are presenting new Major or Minor symptoms, they will be asked to stay home until those have resolved for a minimum of 48 hours. Staff cannot return to work with symptoms unless medically released by their doctor.
  - If the staff member has missed four (4) consecutive days, the staff member must present either a negative COVID-19 PCR test result or a doctor's release stating it is okay for them to return to work.
- o If the teen volunteer decides not get a COVID-19 PCR test, they will be asked to stay home until their symptoms have been resolved for 48 hours (without any additional medications such as fever reducers or other medications that the teen volunteer does not regularly take). If the teen volunteer presents any additional Major or Minor symptoms, they will be asked to stay home for the rest of their week of camp.
  - We will check in regularly with the parent/guardian listed on the teen application paperwork of the teen who presented symptoms for the remainder of the week to see how the teen is doing. If the teen develops any new Major or Minor

symptoms or has not improved after four (4) days, the rest of the camp for the “pod” they were with will be cancelled, parents/guardians will be refunded for the days cancelled, and campers will be encouraged to quarantine following the [state guidelines](#).

- o If the 4-day period ends after the camp is complete, parents/guardians will still be notified and encouraged to quarantine following the [state guidelines](#). For example, if the teen presents symptoms on Thursday and their symptoms do not go away by the following Monday, parents/guardians of campers that were in camp with the teen the previous week will still be notified and encouraged to quarantine.

- If two or more staff members or teen volunteers present COVID-19 symptoms, camp will be cancelled for at least 14 days due to our small staff size and to allow for disinfection of the classroom. Parents/guardians will be refunded for the days cancelled and campers who were close contacts will be encouraged to quarantine following the [state guidelines](#).
- Staff coverage:
  - o If a staff member presents symptoms, all guidelines and policies stated above will be followed and if possible, the following coverage will occur.
    - If it is a Camp Counselor that presents symptoms, the Summer Camp Supervisor or Youth Education Manager can sub in for them and teach their “pod”.
    - If the Summer Camp Supervisor presents symptoms, the Youth Education Manager will cover all the duties assigned to the Summer Camp Supervisor.
    - If the Youth Education Manager

presents symptoms, the SummerCamp Supervisor will cover as an interim camp director with guidance from the Associate Director of Volunteer Services or Vice President of HSPPR, as needed.

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