



# REC Connect/T.O.P Summer Camp 2021

## Frequently Asked Questions

The following guidelines and procedures are based on recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Virginia Department of Health (VDH), Virginia Governor, Department of Social Service Licensure, James City County and Williamsburg/James City County Public Schools.

### **1. What programs are offered this summer?**

We are happy to provide the REC Connect and Teens on Point (T.O.P) Summer Camps **June 21-Aug. 20, 2021.**

- Summer camps will operate Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. The program is closed July 5 in observance of Independence Day.
- Elementary REC Connect summer sites are Clara Byrd Baker, J. Blaine Blayton, Laurel Lane and Stonehouse.
- The Middle School Teens On Point (T.O.P) site is Berkeley Middle School.
- Registration is accepted on a first come, first served and space availability basis.

### **2. What are the safety measures to minimize risk and exposure to COVID-19 during Summer Camp?**

Some parts of camp may look and feel a little different due to new social distancing and safety practices to minimize risk and exposure to COVID-19. **Safety and FUN still remain our priorities!**

- Our safety measures include increased hand washing, cleaning and sanitizing practices, social distancing (3 ft. inside school building and 6 ft. when outside and while eating), health screenings before entering the program, wearing face coverings/masks, site-based/local fieldtrips, participants being placed into small cohorts/groups, increased outside time when weather permits and increased pre-packaged snacks.
- Staff will follow the same safety measures as participants.

### **3. What guidelines are being used to modify camp?**

REC Connect and T.O.P programs are licensed through the Virginia Department of Social Services.

- We will continue to follow current and additional licensing standards during the COVID-19 period. Licensing standards must be met for us to maintain licensure.
- We also follow recommendations from CDC, VHD, Virginia Governor along with James City County and Williamsburg/James City County Public Schools guidance.

### **4. What are the step-by-step processes for cleaning and sanitizing?**

All programs will increase cleaning and sanitizing procedures.

- Each day, staff will be provided EPA approved cleaning and sanitizing solutions from custodial staff.
- If cleaning solutions are unavailable, staff will prepare soap & water and bleach & water solutions in individual spray bottles.
- **Process:** The cleaning/soap & water solution is applied and wiped off surfaces to clean/remove germs and dirt. The sanitizing/bleach & water solution will be applied to surface and allowed to air dry for 2 minutes before wiped off to sanitize/chemically kill germs.
- Staff will clean and sanitize high touch point areas/items at the beginning, end and several times during each day. Tables, chairs, toys and sports equipment will be cleansed and sanitized before and after each use.



**5. Does my child have to wear a mask all day?**

Participants will need to wear face coverings/masks throughout the day. (**Executive Order 63**)

- We have several **exceptions**: when outdoors and proper social distancing can be maintained, during specific activities where wearing a mask prohibits the ability to do the activity (e.g. swimming, eating meals/snacks, exercising) and for anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious or if there is a medical reason for non-use of the face covering.

**6. What is the new sign-in and check-out procedure?**

Participant sign-in and check-out will take place at the program entrance.

- Parents/guardians will receive a security code to enter the school building/program.
- A staff member will ask health screening questions upon entering.
- **Parents/guardians and participants must wear a mask when entering the school building even if fully vaccinated.**
- **Parents/guardians must remain until health screening is complete before leaving.**
- Please have your ID in hand at check-out.
- **Please allow extra time for drop-off and pick-up.** Program hours will remain 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**7. What is the health screening process?**

Health screening questions will be asked daily before participants can enter camp.

- Staff performing health screening have completed the Daily Health Observation Training.
- Participants with fever of 100.4° F or higher, cough, shortness of breath, have a household member who is known to have COVID-19 or received fever reducing medication before arriving **may not enter** the program.
- Temperature checks will take place before participants and staff board transportation.

**8. What is the Isolation Procedure if my child becomes sick?**

Each camp has designated an isolation area for participants who become ill or have a fever. The isolation area may be a separate classroom, office space or alternative building space.

- A parent/guardian will be called to pick up their child and a staff member will remain in this isolation area until they arrive. **See question 9 for when your child can return to camp.**
- If COVID-19 or any other reportable communicable disease is confirmed, all families and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) will notified; participants in the same group/cohort of the sick participant may be excluded from camp for the separation period recommended by the VDH and CDC; all other participants will be moved to an alternative building space or site location to ensure proper cleaning/sanitization of the area.

**9. When can participant/staff return if he/she has a fever of 100.4° F or higher and/or respiratory symptoms?**

If a participant/staff has a fever of 100.4° F or higher, cough, shortness of breath, have a household member who is known to have COVID-19 or received fever reducing medication before arriving will be excluded from the program.

- Participant/staff can return when at least 10 days have passed since symptoms began, he/she has had no fever for at least **24 hours** without fever reducing medication AND other symptoms have improved.
- **Exception:** Participant/employee may be able to return earlier if a doctor confirms the cause of fever/symptoms is not COVID-19 and provides a written release to return.

**10. What happens if a participant or staff has a fever of 100.4° F or higher and/or respiratory symptoms but tested negative for COVID-19?**

If a participant or staff has tested negative for COVID-19, they should keep monitoring symptoms, seek medical advice about staying home and get tested again if applicable.

- **Follow return guidance above in question 9.**
- A doctor's note states individual is clear of COVID-19 symptoms to return.
- Additional cleaning and sanitization procedures will take place onsite.
- Information will remain confidential.



**11. What happens if a participant or staff has a confirmed case of COVID-19?**

If a participant or staff has a confirmed case of COVID-19, local health department will be contacted to identify the close contacts who will need to quarantine.

- Program participants and staff will receive a notification email.
- Any program with a confirmed case of COVID-19 among their population will close at least temporarily for additional cleaning and sanitization.
- To limit exposure, participants and staff will not be able to transfer into another program/site during quarantine period.
- Closure of program could be extended if additional participants or staff have symptoms or receive positive test results during quarantine period.
- CDC recommends taking temperature twice a day and watch for COVID-19 symptoms during quarantine. Notify local health department if symptoms appear.
- A doctor's note states individual is clear of COVID-19 symptoms to return.
- Information will remain confidential.

**12. Will weekly fees be reduced this summer?**

Weekly fees will remain the same this summer.

- These fees help support the additional costs associated with the increased safety measures, smaller staff to participant ratios and additional staffing for health screening and cleaning/sanitization.

**13. Will camp still be fun?**

We are looking forward to a safe and FUN summer camp! Yes, we will be increasing our safety measures but we also have **planned fun special guests and local fieldtrips**. Special guests and fieldtrips include, but are not limited to, AMF Bowling, Richmond Zoo, Kidz R Cookin, Kidscreate Studio, Tag Time Laser Tag and much more. We are also modifying outdoor and gym games so we still can play all of our favorite games. This summer will be nothing short of FUN!

**14. How will updates be communicated?**

Primary communication will take place through email. Please let your site supervisor know if you are not receiving emails.

- Parent information boards and reminders will also be available in the check-in area.

**15. Could camp plans change?**

All camps are **subject to change** based on the guidelines and Phases as determined by the Governor of Virginia, Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

**16. Who do I contact if I have additional questions?**

If you have questions, please contact your site supervisor via the site cell phone. You may also reach administrative staff at 757-259-5351.

- Don't forget information can be found on our [website](#). Visit our [Facebook page](#) for additional program and parks & recreation information.