

# NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP

## PARKS AND RECREATION

### SAFETY PROCEDURES FOR SUMMER 2021

(as of 3/3/21; will be updated as needed)

Northampton Township Parks and Recreation summer camp programs will follow the guidelines and recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), American Camp Association (ACA) and state and local health guidelines. The Parks and Recreation staff is doing everything we can to keep your children safely having fun this summer. Modifications include the addition of many safety protocols for staff and campers.

This page is intended to provide parents, campers and staff with a comprehensive overview of changes in policies and procedures while also providing reassurance that **as always, the safety and well-being of our campers and staff is our top priority.**

#### Hand Washing, Masks & Wellness Checks



- All staff and campers must wear a mask at all times based on current CDC guidelines.
- Daily health checks completed in the lobby daily for campers and staff. Parents must get the “ok” from staff before leaving their child for today. This will include a temperature check and brief wellness survey. (Northampton Township Parks and Recreation staff reserves the right to decline entry for any child exhibits any signs of illness.)
- Immediately after entry into camp, all staff and campers will be required to sanitize their hands.
- Hand washing will be scheduled after each group activity and frequently throughout the camp day. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer will also be applied throughout the day.
- Staff will be reminding campers to avoid touching their eyes or face throughout the day, and to remain physically distant from one another as much as possible.

#### Cleaning/Sanitizing



- Sanitation procedures will be followed throughout the day, disinfecting high volume surfaces such as doorknobs, tables and bathrooms regularly.
- All equipment and craft supplies will be wiped down immediately after use.
- Materials that are difficult to clean will not be used this summer.
- A custodian will clean and sanitize all spaces at the end of each day.

#### Packed Lunch Requirements



- All lunches should be packed in disposable wrap and in disposable bags.
- Lunches requiring a cooler setting may be placed in a washable cooler bag with an ice pack to keep cool.
- Beverages must be in a disposable container.
- Lunches should be packed with disposable utensils

## Personal Item Requirements



- No outside toys, cards, electronics, cell phones, or arts and crafts items of any kind will be permitted.
- All personal items (bathing suit, towel, socks, flip flops, reusable water bottles) should be taken home daily and washed. No items can remain in cubbies/bins overnight

## Physical Distancing – yes, it will be at camp too



- Camper groups will be known as “households” at camp this year.
- Households will not exceed 15 individuals (3 staff, 12 children).
- Houses will never commingle.
- Households will divide into smaller groups of 10 children and 2 -3 staff throughout the day for various activities such as arts and crafts, scavenger hunts, lunch, etc.
  - Households will include the same children everyday to reduce risk of potential exposure.
  - Each household will have their own equipment that will be sanitized after each use.
- 6' physical distancing will be maintained by utilizing outdoor spaces larger indoor spaces, dividing the house in half in smaller spaces, and by the elimination of games and activities requiring proximity.
- Absences from camp will be monitored.

## Staff Requirements & Training



- All staff are required to wear masks at times, without exception
- Daily COVID-19 health screening survey to be completed by staff.
- Staff will undergo daily temperature checks.
- Staff will observe frequent and scheduled hand washing protocols.
- Staff will wear gloves when assisting children with self-care needs.

## Response & Policies



- Staff or campers showing a fever of 100.4°F or higher upon arrival will not be permitted to enter camp.
- Staff or campers exhibiting additional symptoms, including but not limited to: persistent cough and/or shortness of breath will also be excluded from camp that day.
- If a camper or staff member develops symptoms of illness after admittance to camp that day, the individual will be separated from their group and put into a room separated by the rest of the group and only used for illness until pickup occurs by parent/guardian. The “isolation room” will be cleaned and sanitized. The camper will need a note by the pediatrician to return to camp.
- In the event a confirmed case of COVID-19 is reported, camp will be shutdown immediately, the building will be sanitized, and the CDC will be contacted for further instruction.