Requirements

Youth day camps must follow relevant mandates for social distancing, masking, congregating, and responding to confirmed cases of COVID-19 as outlined in the Director's Second Amended Order for Social Distancing, Facial Coverings and Non-Congregating. Guidance on the order is available on the Responsible Restart Ohio: Social Distancing, Masking, and Congregating page at coronavirus.ohio.gov.

Masks should never be worn while swimming because wet masks can cause difficulty breathing. They also should not be worn by anyone unable to remove the mask without assistance; if they pose a choking hazard; if they result in increased face touching; or during nap time.

NOTE: Employers and businesses will likely be unable to determine whether or not employees and customers/patrons have been vaccinated. As such, they may choose to continue to require masking, social distancing, and/or other mitigation measures among all employees and customers/patrons, both vaccinated and unvaccinated.

Recommendations

Below are additional recommended best practices for youth day camps.

General

- Organize the camp into the smallest group sizes possible. Small groups should remain together, including at mealtime and during activities. Large group activities should not occur.
- Reduce maximum group sizes and staff-to-camper ratios: one staff member per nine camper children, no more than nine children in the group.
- If operating exclusively outdoors, consider total camp capacity based upon best social distancing practices between groups and upon inclement weather circumstances.
- Follow additional Responsible RestartOhio guidance for outdoor activities and sports. This guidance is available at coronavirus.ohio.gov.
- Ensure that registration documents contain language and guidelines related to preventing the spread of COVID-19.
- Ensure CPR and AED trainings are up to date and include guidance with COVID-19 precautions.
- Modify pick-up and drop-off to ensure social distancing.
- Stagger drop-off and pick-up times to reduce contact between families.
- Ask the same parent or caretaker to conduct pick-up and drop-off each day.
- Conduct “curbside” pick up and drop-off where possible.
- Have a single employee operate child pick-up and drop-off, escorting all children to and from their classrooms.
- Limit parent and visitor entry into the facility.
- Parents may submit a signed waiver to the day camp permitting their child to walk home from day camp.
- Campers should limit the use of personal items from home during the camp day. If personal items are necessary, they should remain stored in a backpack or other storage bin, be used solely by the camper, and return home daily.
- Cancel field trips, excursions, and large-group events such as parties.
- To the extent possible, prevent groups from mixing.
- Keep children of the same employer, to the extent possible, in the same group.
- Ensure teachers remain with their group throughout the day.
- Ensure support staff only serve one group of children and do not “float” from room to room.
- Day camp workers must follow rigorous handwashing procedures as detailed in Appendix B to Ohio Administrative Code 5101:2-12-13.
  - Upon arrival for the day, after breaks and upon returning from outside.
  - After toileting or assisting a child with toileting.
  - After each diaper change or pull-up change.
  - After contact with bodily fluids or cleaning up spills or objects contaminated with bodily fluids.
  - After cleaning or sanitizing or using any chemical products.
During the Day (cont.)

- After handling pets, pet cages or other pet objects that have come in contact with the pet.
- Before eating, serving or preparing food or bottles or feeding a child.
- Before and after completing a medical procedure or administering medication.
- When visibly soiled (must use soap and water).
- Prior to departure.

- Day camp attendees must follow rigorous handwashing procedures as detailed in Appendix B to Ohio Administrative Code 5101:2-12-13.
  - Upon arrival for the day.
  - After toileting/diaper change.
  - After contact with bodily fluids.
  - After returning inside after outdoor play.
  - After handling pets, pet cages or other pet objects that have come in contact with the pet before moving on to another activity.
  - Before eating or assisting with food preparation.
  - After water activities.
  - When visibly soiled (must use soap and water).
  - Prior to departure.

- Day camp providers may use non-permanent sinks to meet handwashing requirements

Physical Environment

- If necessary, use temporary walls to divide a room into smaller spaces to serve multiple groups.
  - The smaller spaces must contain at least 35 square feet of space per child.
  - The divider must be at least 6 feet in height and be made from nonporous material or other material that can be sanitized.
  - The divider must meet any requirements set by the Department of Commerce, local building department, state fire marshal, or local fire safety inspector.

Confirmed Cases

- Day camp providers must immediately notify the Department of Job and Family Services in writing if a child or employee tests positive for COVID-19.
- Shutdown area for deep sanitation, if possible.