

Minimizing the Risk of Spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Summer Camps during Phase 1 Reopening

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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

The following are the minimum requirements for all summer camps during Phase 1:

1. Group and Camp size limits:

- The camp is limited to 50 people total, including kids, staff, and volunteers.
- If physical distancing cannot be maintained at all times, group size within a camp is limited to 10. A camp can consist of several groups of 10 or fewer, up to 50 people total.
- Larger camps can be broken into 50-person units (e.g., Basketball Camp A and Basketball Camp B), as long as check-in, pick up and activities for each 50-person unit occur in distinct and separate places and there is no intermingling of kids or staff from different 50-person units.

2. Daily Health Check

- Conduct a daily, pre-shift symptom check of staff and volunteers. It can, but does not have to, include checking the person's temperature. See attached Pre-shift Health Assessment document.
- Do not allow staff or volunteers with COVID-19 symptoms to work.
- COVID-19 symptoms currently include any of the following: Cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever over 100.4°F, chills, unexplained muscle pain, sore throat, a new loss of taste or smell, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Direct staff and volunteers with COVID-19-related symptoms to call 258-INFO or another screening center (missoula.co/cvirus) to see if they should get tested for COVID-19.

3. Physical Distancing:

- Physical distancing of 6 feet must be maintained between different families at check in and pick up.
- Physical distancing of 6 feet must be maintained between kids who are not in their 10-person or smaller group.

4. Exclusion due to Required Quarantine or Isolation:

- Staff and kids who have traveled out of Montana in the last 14 days must self-quarantine at home, and are not allowed to attend camp.
- Kids or staff who have been contacted by the Health Department because they are a close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case will be under the direction of a public health nurse for isolation, quarantine, and symptom monitoring. If required to isolate or quarantine, they may not attend camp.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Policy Development and Implementation

- Develop and implement policies regarding social distancing, use of protective equipment, temperature checks and symptom screening, sanitation, and disinfecting common surfaces.
- Seek out industry best practices and other guidance to help plan.

2. Camper Health Assessments

- Perform symptom checks for kids as they check into camps each day. Do not allow a child with COVID-19 related symptoms to stay at camp.
- If children develop COVID-19 symptoms while at camp, they should be separated from the group and the parents/guardians called to retrieve the child as soon as possible.

3. Cloth Face Coverings:

- To the extent practical, when 6-foot physical distancing cannot be maintained when interacting with parents or others outside of their assigned camp group, have staff wear cloth face coverings.
- To the extent practical, have kids and staff wear cloth face coverings when social distancing is not possible within a group, like during transportation in vans and buses.

4. Cleaning and Disinfecting:

- Clean and disinfect common surfaces, tools, and equipment throughout the day and before another group uses them.
- Clean and disinfect restrooms and other shared areas at least daily.

5. Distancing:

- Keep the same group of children together throughout the day, and as much as possible throughout the week/camp. Where possible, keep family members in the same group.
- Incorporate 6-foot physical distancing within the group to the degree practical.
- Limit items shared between children in a group and between groups.
- When items are shared between children, remind kids to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer after using a shared item. Disinfect items before they are shared with other groups.
- When using shared transportation, use vehicles that allow physical distancing between groups.

6. Hygiene:

- Encourage frequent handwashing or the use of hand sanitizer when handwashing facilities are not available.
- Have kids wash their hands or use hand sanitizer upon entering camp, after using the bathroom, before eating, after using common equipment and tools, etc.
- Encourage staff and kids to cover their coughs or sneezes.
- Avoid family style meal service. Use gloves or tongs when preparing or distributing any food to avoid barehand contact.



Pre-Shift Health Assessments

Purpose: COVID-19 is spread from person-to-person, either through respiratory droplets of an infected person being inhaled or otherwise transferred to an uninfected person. The virus could easily be transferred from an infected employee to other employees or customers.

Applicability: The Governor's Executive Directive issued on April 22, 2020, requires several types of businesses to conduct pre-shift health assessments for all employees through the duration of the phased re-opening process.

- **General businesses:** This includes service providers, utility companies, businesses previously considered "essential" under the stay-at-home directive, and all other businesses not otherwise covered in the Directive.
- **Retail businesses:** This includes both retail stores that were considered essential, and those that were categorized as non-essential, under the stay-at-home directive.
- **Food and beverage service establishments**

Current CDC guidance indicates that people infected with COVID-19 may have the following symptoms:

- fever over 100.4° Fahrenheit
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- chills or repeated shaking with chills
- new loss of taste or smell
- diarrhea
- cough
- sore throat
- unexplained muscle pain
- vomiting

Employees experiencing any of the above symptoms must be required to leave work immediately and be directed to contact one of the COVID-19 screening centers listed on the health department's website at: missoula.co/cvirus. If they are accepted for testing, they must stay home until they receive a negative COVID test. If they are not accepted for testing, employees must be excluded from work until they have been symptom-free, with no help from symptom-reducing or relieving medicines, for at least 24 hours.

NOTE ABOUT CONFIDENTIALITY: Information gathered as part of an employee health assessment should be kept confidential. Consider using individual slips filled out by employees and submitted to only a shift manager, creating a health screening space that has privacy, or use of unique/confidential identifiers (rather than employee name) if you incorporate some sort of shared reporting form.

REMEMBER: While this is a protective measure that might prevent virus spread from symptomatic employees, evidence shows that some people infected with COVID-19 may exhibit only very mild symptoms, or not exhibit symptoms at all. This is why it is extremely important to follow all other protective measures like maintaining 6' physical separation, hand washing, and avoiding gatherings or crowding.