



OSPREY Camp 2023: COVID-19 Policies and Procedures

Please note, this document is fluid, and as information changes, so will our COVID-19 guidelines for camp this spring. Updates will be provided as needed.

Introduction: This document outlines policies and procedures recommended by the CDC, the Thurston County Department of Health, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OHSA), Camp Solomon Schechter's Medical Advisory Team and the American Camp Association. The information outlined below is intended to provide principals, teachers, parents, guardians and mentors with information about how OSPREY Camp is adopting policies and procedures to mitigate the risk of COVID-19. Rest assured the health and well-being of our students, teachers and mentors is our utmost priority.

OSPREY Camp Guidelines: Below are our current COVID-19 Policies and Procedures. All must be followed/completed or individuals will not be able to attend a week of camp. **There are no exceptions.** Please read each guideline thoroughly.

- Per Camp Solomon Schechter and OSPREY Camp, **all** teachers, mentors, OSPREY Camp Staff and Camp Solomon Schechter Facility Staff must be fully vaccinated. **There are no exceptions.** COVID boosters are currently not required but are **HIGHLY** recommended. *If an individual school or district requires their teachers and school volunteers (ex: mentors) to obtain booster vaccines, this will be the policy for attending camp as well. OSPREY Camp Staff and Volunteer Camp Staff are required to be up to date with their booster vaccines. The aforementioned individuals will provide the OSPREY Camp Director with a **copy of their vaccination card prior to their first day of camp.**
- Student vaccinations are not required but are **HIGHLY** recommended.
- Students, teachers and mentors are **STRONGLY** encouraged to quarantine 72-hours prior to their first day of camp. OSPREY Camp Staff will quarantine for 72-hours prior to the first week of camp and during the weekends in between camp weeks.
- OSPREY Camp Staff will provide schools with COVID-19 tests, as well as permission slips for testing, prior to their week of camp. Teachers will be responsible, with the help of principals, school/parent volunteers, district staff, etc. **for testing each student and**

each teacher, at school, prior to boarding the bus on the first day of camp. If a student or teacher tests positive for COVID-19, they will not be allowed to attend camp the entire week. **Testing is non-negotiable.**

- Principals will work with teachers to form a plan to ensure there are enough staff/volunteers at the schools to efficiently test **teachers and each student** before departing for camp.
- Principals will **form a backup plan, in advance, for students and/or teachers who test positive for COVID** at school before boarding the bus. **Please Note:** A class cannot attend camp without direct supervision; their teacher, a paraeducator, another teacher from their school, etc.
- If a student, teacher, mentor or OSPREY Camp Staff member is exhibiting "cold" symptoms; for example: temperature, sinus congestion, sore throat, phlegm producing cough, body aches, severe fatigue, nausea, vomiting, etc. They will be sent to the infirmary for evaluation. While monitoring their symptoms, we will test them for COVID, onsite, dependent on risk factors and symptoms displayed. If they **test positive**, they will remain quarantined in the infirmary with staff supervision. A parent, guardian or delegated family/friend will be required to **pick them up from camp within 24-hours; THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.**
- Parents/guardians **MUST** have a back-up plan in place (a designated family member or friend), to pick up their student or mentor if they are unable to do so, within the 24-hour window.
- Principals **MUST** have a back-up plan in place (another teacher, paraeducator, etc.), who will immediately come down to camp and take over for the teacher who has tested positive for COVID. A class **CANNOT** be at camp without direct teacher supervision. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Students, teachers and mentors are not required to wear masks outdoors. We will encourage students to spread out, especially during small group class activities, to the best of their abilities. *All class activities are held outdoors except one; our WA Wildlife exhibit. Due to the nature of the animal pelts, horns and antlers, as well as their fragility, cost, etc., we display these items in a small building. Students will **be required to wear masks** when their class is participating in this activity due to the very **close proximity** they will be in with one another.

- Students and mentors are not be required to wear masks in their cabins. We will open windows, doors and spread out as much as possible. If weather allows, cabins will hold their meetings and activities outside.
- Masks will be required in the dining hall, **AFTER MEALS**, during our meal programs. A lot of loud and enthusiastic singing and presentations occur during this time, and therefore thousands of saliva particles and respiratory droplets are being spread about. One side of the dining hall will remain open for ventilation, and heat lamps will be in place to ensure everyone is warm and comfortable. Students will spread out at their assigned dining hall tables as much as possible.
- Students will be assigned to **one cabin group** and will remain in the same cabin the entire week. Students will also **eat all meals with their assigned cabin group**. This helps lessen the chance of COVID transmission. And, if a COVID case does occur, it is much easier to trace when cabins are eating together instead of combining students from different cabins/schools/classes at one table in the dining hall.
- All teachers, students, mentors and OSPREY Camp Staff are required to practice social distancing, whenever possible, even when wearing masks and when outdoors.
- **Please Note:** If a student, teacher, mentor and/or OSPREY Camp Staff member feels more comfortable wearing a mask outdoors/in the cabins (except when sleeping due to safety hazards), etc., they are more than welcome to do so! **We would ask them to bring their own box of medical grade face masks to ensure they have enough for their comfort level.**
- OSPREY Camp will provide medical grade face masks for use in the dining hall as well as the WA Wildlife exhibit. Extras will be on hand. Again, if an individual feels comfortable masking up more frequently, we would expect them to bring their own box of masks. As the Camp Director, I do **NOT** want anyone worried they may be “made fun of” because they are wearing a mask when others are not. This type of bullying is not tolerated under any circumstances. I will set the tone and expectations beginning with my classroom presentations, prior to camp, and will ensure our teachers, mentors and staff are monitoring for any unacceptable behavior or teasing. Rest assured; it will be handled immediately. Each individual has the right to do what is best for them and their health while at camp.

Nonpharmaceutical Interventions and Sanitization Protocols: The following information is in conjunction with the American Camp Association and CDC guidelines.

- All buildings at OSPREY Camp have built-in ventilation systems.
- Hand-sanitizer stations will be provided in every building, cabin and high-traffic areas.
- Handwashing will be required prior to all meals and snacks.
- Table groups will be spread out, to the very best of our ability, in the dining hall. In addition, our outdoor covered patio (with heat lamps provided) will be used as needed.
- The kitchen and dining hall will be cleaned and sanitized after every meal.
- All academic bins, used by teachers, students and mentors will have hand sanitizer.
- Our facility staff will clean all bathrooms, shared spaces, and high-traffic areas multiple times each day.
- Bathrooms will be sanitized frequently throughout the day between deep-cleanings.
- All sports equipment will be sanitized before and after a pod uses it.

Visitors: We will be enforcing a strict “**NO VISITORS**” policy this spring.

- Only teachers, students, mentors and OSPREY Camp Staff will be allowed onto Camp property.
- Camp Tours and Open House are **canceled** for the upcoming 2023 season.
- If essential service suppliers (e.g., food, propane, etc.) do need to enter Camp, drivers will not have any direct contact with teachers, students, mentors, or OSPREY Camp Staff.

Conclusion: It is important to note that this document reflects the current conditions if Camp were to start today **and is fluid**. I will update these policies and procedures as needed as we get closer to camp this spring.

Please know the health, safety, and well-being of every teacher, student, mentor and camp staff member is always my first priority! We will work diligently, throughout the week, to keep everyone happy and safe. We are so looking forward to working with our students, teachers and mentors once again this year!

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