



# COVID-19 PROCEDURES

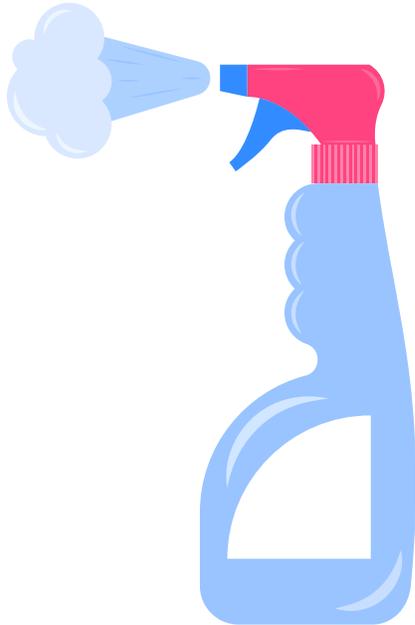
Merritt Clubs is committed to the safety and well-being of our campers and camp staff this summer. This packet includes additional information for parents and guardians as a reference for our added policies and procedures.

**Merritt Summer Camps staff will work to ensure physical distancing by adhering to the following guidelines:**

- Ensure that campers and staff groupings are as static as possible by having the same group of children stay with the same staff (all day for young children, and as much as possible for older children).
- Restrict mixing between groups as much as possible.
- Spaced out seating (head-to-toe positioning) to six feet apart, if possible.
- Limit gatherings, events, and extracurricular activities to those that can maintain physical distancing, support proper hand hygiene, and restrict attendance of those from higher transmission areas.
- Close communal use spaces such as gyms, sport court areas and multi-use rooms if possible; otherwise stagger use and disinfect in between use.
- Eat lunch with same group in your room or outside of the building only.
- Stagger arrival and drop-off times or locations, have the same drop-off and pick-up locations for campers daily or put in place other protocols to limit direct contact with parents as much as possible.
- Restricting nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving other groups. Restrict attendance of those from higher transmission areas. Out-of-state campers are not permitted to camp.

**Face coverings will be worn by staff and campers, as follows:**

- (a) Staff will wear face coverings when interacting with other staff, parents, and campers, unless it is not safe to do so, especially when social distancing is not possible.
- (b) Campers age 5 and older will wear face coverings indoors if they can be worn safely and consistently.
- (c) All campers (all ages) are required to come to camp with a face covering. All campers and camp staff will wear a face covering when moving from one location to the next within the club.



**Merritt Summer Camps Staff will work to ensure limited sharing by adhering to the following guidelines:**

- Keep each child's belongings separated from others' and in individually labeled containers, cubbies, or areas.
- Ensure adequate supplies to minimize sharing of high touch materials to the extent possible (art supplies, equipment etc. assigned to a single camper) or limit use of supplies and equipment by one group of children at a time and clean and disinfect between use.
- Avoid sharing toys, books, and other games or learning aids unless necessary for camp project use. Any shared tools, games, equipment will be sanitized between uses.





## **Merritt Summer Camp Staff will watch for symptoms of the COVID-19 virus.**

Each camper and camp staff will be given a temperature screening daily when entering camp. We will keep a log of temperature and symptom screening for campers and maintain confidentiality of these records.

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear **2 - 14 days after exposure to the virus**. People with these symptoms or combinations of symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Repeated shaking with chills
  - Muscle pain
  - Headache
  - Sore throat
  - A new loss of taste or smell
- Or at least two of these symptoms:*
- Fever
  - Chills

Children have similar symptoms to adults and generally have mild illness. This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

### **When to Seek Medical Attention:**

If you have any of these emergency warning signs\* for COVID-19 get medical attention immediately:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion or inability to arouse
- Bluish lips or face

*\*This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you. Merritt staff will contact a parent or guardian immediately if any of these signs are noted during a camp day.*





## **Merritt Summer Camp staff will work to promote healthy hygiene practices, including:**

- Teach and reinforce washing hands and covering coughs and sneezes among children and staff.
- Reinforce the use of cloth face coverings among all staff. Face coverings are most essential at times when physical distancing is not possible. Staff will be frequently reminded not to touch the face covering and to wash their hands frequently. Information has been provided to all staff on proper use, removal, and washing of cloth face coverings.
- Have adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors, including soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol (for staff and older children who can safely use hand sanitizer), and tissues. All camp areas will have a hand sanitizing station. Parents are encouraged to send campers with their own personal hand sanitizer if they feel it necessary to do so.
- Signs are posted throughout the clubs on how to stop the spread of COVID-19, properly wash hands, promote everyday protective measures, and properly wear a face covering.

### **Hand washing:**

We Understand that during the Coronavirus Disease 19 (COVID-19) pandemic, keeping hands clean is especially important to help prevent the virus from spreading. We are committed to making sure our campers and camp staff will practice proper hand washing procedures throughout the day while they are here at camp.

### **What if there is a COVID-19 potential or confirmed case at Merritt Summer Camp?**

- We will notify local health officials, staff, and families immediately of a possible case while maintaining confidentiality as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
  - We will close off areas used by a sick person for 24 hours (or as long as possible) and will not use again before cleaning and disinfection. We will ensure safe and correct application of disinfectants and keep disinfectant products away from children.
  - We will advise sick staff members not to return until they have met CDC criteria to discontinue home isolation.
  - We will inform those exposed to a person with COVID-19 to stay home to self-monitor for symptoms and follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop.
  - We will follow communication systems for staff and families for self-reporting of symptoms and notification of exposures and closures.
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