

Organized camps normally permitted by local health departments may not be open at this time due to the prohibition of groups larger than 25 members. According to Governor Jim Justice's plan, "West Virginia Strong: The Comeback," there is no set timeline for when groups of 25 or more will be allowed. This guidance provides information on what will be required once these groups are again permitted. All activities must be in compliance with WV §64 CSR 114, Public Standards for Businesses Remaining Open During COVID-19. Contact your local health department for area-specific information and to discuss feasibility of holding your organized camp.

### COMMON SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

### PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSMISSION

- Occurs via small droplets from the nose or mouth of the infected person when they cough, sneeze, or exhale.
- Virus can remain on surfaces for a limited time period. Although less common, transmission may occur from touching contaminated surfaces and then touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

### GENERAL PREVENTION

- Learn about COVID-19 from reputable sources.
- Maintain physical distance of at least 6 feet between yourself and others.
- Encourage proper handwashing.
- Clean and sanitize surfaces often.
- Do not share food, drinks, etc.
- Wear cloth face coverings.
- Stay home if you feel sick.
- Isolate sick individuals.

### PRE-REGISTRATION AND DAY OF REGISTRATION

- Campers and staff must be screened for symptoms and exposure prior to entering camp.
  - Anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, who has COVID-19 symptoms or who has had exposure in the last 14 days to COVID-19 shall **NOT** attend camp.
- Registration must be designed to limit lines and provide social (physical) distancing between individuals registering campers.
- Make effort to do online registration to avoid person-to-person exposure.
- Cloth face masks or coverings must be used at all times.
- Use plexiglass barriers to limit contact between staff and parents/guardians.

### CAMP WELLNESS SURVEILLANCE AND PLANNING

- Camp nurse or designated individual will monitor camp participants for symptoms related to COVID-19 on a daily basis and keep a written log.
- If three or more participants begin experiencing symptoms, contact local health department to determine best course of action.
- The camp administration must create a COVID-19 Response Plan that outlines what actions will be taken in the event of a potential infection. This plan must be approved by the local health department and county emergency operations coordinator.

### CAMPER AND STAFF EXPECTATIONS

- All staff, campers, visitors, and instructors shall wear cloth face masks or coverings when not sleeping, eating, bathing, or swimming.
- All participants will have at least one new cloth face mask or covering for each day of camp and each should be washed daily after use.
- Handwashing will be encouraged throughout the camp day. When necessary, handwashing stations must be added to accommodate this requirement.
- Hand sanitizer must be available to all camp staff and participants.
- Maintain social (physical) distancing between all participants.
- Opening assembly/orientation must include verbal, visual, and written training on correct use of face masks or coverings, symptoms of COVID-19, and correct handwashing. Daily reminders are recommended.

### DISTANCING

- There must be 6 feet of distance between beds used for sleeping.
- Bathroom use should be planned to prevent lines and allow for social (physical) distancing.
- Classes, assemblies, dining and other activities shall have plans for maintaining social (physical) distancing

## DINING

- The use of disposable containers and utensils is strongly encouraged. If disposable utensils are not available, silverware must be pre-rolled.
- If indoor/outdoor dining is allowed, then seating must provide 6 feet of space between tables.
- Foods shall be distributed by staff and buffet service is not allowed.
- Drinks shall be dispensed by staff in order to limit the number of hands touching dispensers.
- Condiments must be single use and/or dispensed by staff.
- When campers help with meal setup or take down, they must wash their hands prior to each.
- No family-style service of food shall be allowed.

## SWIMMING

- When not in the pool, cloth face masks or coverings should be worn.
- Social (physical) distancing should be observed in the water to the extent possible.
- Social (physical) distancing shall be observed on pool decks.
- Routinely clean and disinfect all chairs or tables in the pool area.

## PLAYGROUNDS

- Playground users should observe social (physical) distancing. Do not allow large groups to congregate close together.

## SANITATION

- Camp administration shall have a written sanitation plan and designate staff to ensure plan is followed.
- Sanitation plan must create and verify a daily cleaning plan that at a minimum:
  - Disinfects high touch surfaces on a designated frequency
  - Cleans/disinfects restrooms as required in guidelines
  - Cleans showers/baths after morning use and after evening use
  - Includes sleeping quarters
- Tables and chairs must be disinfected between classes.
- Toys, equipment, and other shared articles must be disinfected between uses.

## PUBLIC RESTROOMS

- Clean restrooms as needed throughout the day, but at minimum the start of day, mid-day, and end of day. Include frequently touched surfaces like handles, levers, doorknobs, and feminine hygiene disposal boxes.
- Use cleaning agents that are normally used in these areas following directions on the label.
- Provide disposable wipes or paper towels so that a barrier can be placed between hands and commonly used surfaces.
- Post signage about patron health and COVID-19 prevention.
- Use approved disinfectant products:
  - <https://www.americanchemistry.com/Novel-Coronavirus-Fighting-Products-List.pdf>
  - <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>
  - Diluted bleach solutions, made fresh daily:
    - 1/3 cup of bleach per gallon of water.
    - 4 teaspoons of bleach per quart of water.
    - Alcohol solutions with at least 70% alcohol.
- Mop floors with disinfectant or bleach solution routinely, at the same frequency as stated above.

## USE OF FACE MASKS/COVERINGS

- CDC recommends the use of a simple cloth face mask or covering as a voluntary public health measure in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.
- Launder reusable face masks/coverings before each daily use.
- CDC offers [additional information on the use of face masks/coverings](#), including instructions on how to make them.
- Individuals should be careful not to touch their eyes, nose, and mouth when removing face masks/coverings and wash hands immediately after removing.

**NOTE:** The cloth face coverings recommended by CDC are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.

Questions and concerns can also be directed to the 24/7, toll-free COVID-19 information hotline:

**1-800-887-4304**

