

# 2021 Camp Okoboji COVID-19 Adjustments

## Discipleship Programs

We are honored to serve our campers and families through our youth camps, J.O.Y. Camps, & Family Retreats. We value providing our campers and families with high-quality experiences that also ensure their overall health and wellbeing at Camp Okoboji. We are confident the following adjustments that we have made for the 2021 Summer Season will increase our efforts to minimize potential viral spread during our Discipleship Programs. In addition, we are prepared to respond to the presence of COVID-19 or any other communicable disease - to view our Communicable Disease Plan, [click here](#). This document will be under monthly review. Any amendments to this document and our 2021 Summer Planning will be made based on Christian Camp & Conference Association, American Camp Association, federal, state, and local recommendations.

## Our Current Adjustments For Discipleship Programs

- Participant Pre-Arrival Health Monitoring** | Participants in Camp Okoboji's Discipleship Programs should monitor their health for persistent symptoms of COVID-19 for seven days prior to their arrival at Camp Okoboji. COVID-19 symptoms include fever, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, persistent cough, new loss of smell or taste, sore throat, congestion, or running nose. Participants that develop persistent COVID-19 symptoms must remain home. It is recommended that participants self-isolate as much as possible for seven days prior to their arrival to Camp Okoboji to minimize potential viral exposure and spread.
- Health Screenings Upon Arrival** | Participants in Camp Okoboji's Discipleship Programs will receive a brief health screening upon their arrival. Expect the following to be included in a health screening:
  - Have you tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 10 days? (Provide documentation)*
  - To your knowledge, have you had close contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 10 days?*
  - Have you had any COVID-19 symptoms now or within the last 10 days?*
  - A contactless temperature check*
- Improved Hygiene Orientation For Staff, Volunteers, Campers, & Families** | Consistent signage for hygiene will be posted encouraging healthy hygiene practices (i.e. regular hand-washing, hand sanitizing, covering your cough) along with more accessibility to hand sanitizer in every building.
- Facial Coverings** | All indicators point to facial coverings as one of several best non-pharmaceutical interventions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Facial Coverings will be required by participants over the age of 2 when both **indoors & within 6 feet of members**. Participants must wear facial coverings indoors unless they are actively eating, drinking, or showering.
  - OUTDOOR ACTIVITY**: There is evidence to suggest that viral spread is minimal when public gatherings spaces. sleeping. Therefore, facial coverings will be not required outdoors, but ***highly recommended especially when within 6 feet of others when outdoors.***
  - EXCEPTIONS**: Children 2 & younger, anyone who has trouble breathing, anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove a facial covering without assistance will not be required to wear a facial covering.
  - PROVISIONS**: Camp Okoboji will provide facial coverings for participants, but we also recommend participants to bring a facial covering for each day of their stay.
- Enhanced Cleaning Procedures** | To enhance the integrity of our facility cleanliness, we have updated our cleaning procedures. All facilities used between groups will be disinfected and sanitized utilizing EPA approved cleaning products that kill SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Facilities and bathrooms will be cleaned, disinfected, and sanitized regularly.
- Outdoor Activities** | The beauty of summer camp is that it is beautiful in the summertime. As much as possible, our programmed activities will be outdoors.

## 7. Prepared For Response | Our Camp Staff and volunteers will be prepared to respond to the presence of COVID-19.

### **Further Potential Adjustments:**

- Limiting Capacity to 50-75%
- Assigning Separate Cohorts - no intermingling between cohorts.

### **Camp Okoboji Staff**

- Camp Okoboji Staff are regularly washing and sanitizing their hands. We encourage our guests to do so as well.
- During this time, Camp Okoboji is limiting the number of individuals in the Camp Office. Only two people are permitted in the Camp Office at one time.
- Camp Okoboji Staff will be wearing facial coverings when indoors with guests or within 6 feet proximity of guests.

### **Dining Hall Procedures**

- When feasible, program participants will eat outdoors.
- When not feasible (i.e. inclement weather), program participants will eat indoors. Tables and chairs will be spaced out.
- Dining Hall tables, chairs, and high-touch surfaces will be disinfected and sanitized after each meal.
- Further adjustments to dining hall procedures will be communicated to participants along with consistent signage.

### **Housekeeping**

To enhance the integrity of our facility cleanliness, we have updated our cleaning procedures. All facilities used between groups will be disinfected and sanitized utilizing EPA approved cleaning products that kill . Counselors of Youth Programs will be trained to clean, disinfect, and sanitize their bathrooms at least once a day. Summer Staff will be regularly cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing facilities. [Click here to view a cleaning checklist for participants' housing.](#)

### **Discipleship Program Participants' Bubble**

Our strategy this summer is to maintain boundaries around three primary 'social bubbles:' **Camp Okoboji Staff, Discipleship Program Participants, & Family/Household Units.** Our objective is to maximize the integrity of these 'social bubbles.' We recognize that we cannot 100% guarantee the absence of COVID-19 of these social bubbles, but we will place into action the following steps to maximize the integrity of our campers', volunteers', staff's, and families' overall health during their time at Camp Okoboji. Discipleship Program Participants refers to individuals (campers, volunteers, families) participating in a Summer Camp Okoboji Discipleship Program - Kids' Kamp, J.O.Y. Camp #1 & #2, Cub Week #1 & #2, Junior High Week, Youth Week, Family Retreat #1 & #2.

### **Pre-Arrival COVID-19 Health Monitoring**

- DPPs should monitor their health for symptoms of COVID-19 for seven days prior to their arrival to Camp Okoboji.
  - *COVID-19 symptoms include fever, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, persistent cough, new loss of smell or taste, sore throat, congestion, or running nose.*
- DPPs that develop persistent COVID-19 symptoms must remain home.
- It is recommended that DPPs self-isolate as much as possible for seven days prior to their arrival to Camp Okoboji to minimize potential viral exposure and spread.
- Immunocompromised participants and participants with chronic health conditions should consult their primary care provider regarding decisions about participating in Camp Okoboji's Discipleship Programs.

### **Pre-Arrival COVID-19 Test**

- Discipleship Program Participants are HIGHLY ENCOURAGED to receive a COVID-19 test within 3-4 days prior to their arrival to Camp Okoboji. If participants elect to get tested for COVID-19, documentation of a negative COVID-19 test result will help further ensure a healthy environment at Camp Okoboji.
  - **NOTE:** Most COVID-19 tests take approximately 48 hours for lab results to be determined. Be sure to plan accordingly.
  - **NOTE:** Even if participants have received the COVID-19 vaccine, it is still ideal to provide documentation of a negative COVID-19 test result.
  - *Acceptable documentation: printed email results; screenshotted email results; copy of printed results/vaccination*
  - If a participant tests positive for COVID-19, that participant must remain home and follow state and local health recommendations for next steps.

- Between the time of a COVID-19 test and arrival to Camp Okoboji, participants are strongly encouraged to limit contact with others to maximize the integrity of a negative COVID-19 test result.

### **Camp Okoboji Arrival Health Screening**

- DPPs will receive a brief health screening upon their arrival. Expect the following to be included in a health screening:
  - *Have you tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 10 days? (Provide documentation of a negative COVID-19 test)*
  - *To your knowledge, have you had close contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 10 days?*
  - *Have you had any of the following COVID-19 symptoms now or in the last 10 days?*
    - *Fever, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, persistent cough, new loss of smell or taste, sore throat, congestion, or running nose.*
  - *Contactless temperature check*

### **Check-in**

- Upon successfully checking in and completing a health screening, participants then enter that Program's 'Social Bubble.' The members of the Discipleship Program's 'Social Bubble' include any campers, volunteers, or families involved. They will participate in regular small group and large group activities.

## **Further Potential Adjustments To Discipleship Programs**

As mentioned above, we believe the measures we have in place will reduce viral exposure and spread among our Discipleship Program participants. However, we recognize the novelty of the coronavirus and the uncertainties that may still surface within the coming months. If the need arises, we are prepared to adjust our Discipleship Programs in the following ways:

### **Limiting Capacity**

- As of now, we anticipate being able to house 16 campers per cabin and/or full capacity of retreat facilities. Capacity may potentially be limited to 50-75% to ensure participants' ability to take up lodging that will allow for physical distancing (8 campers per cabin). In the case that capacity is limited, we will refund registrations that exceed the determined capacity.

### **Cohorting**

- It is possible that our participants in our youth camps and J.O.Y. Camps will be divided into cohorts (a group of 8-20 individuals of whom they spend their week with). Our youth programs have already historically made use of cohorts (cabin groups; small groups) within the schedule along with large group activities in which members of cohorts interact with other members of cohorts. The most significant adjustments would be adjusting large group interactions. Family Retreat participants will be divided into their household units as their cohorts. Depending on updated recommendations, program cohorting schedules will take on one of the two following forms:
  - Interactions between different cohort members will be limited to outdoor large group gatherings (i.e. dodgeball, softball, outdoor devotions, etc.)
  - Interactions between different cohort members will not occur; cohorts will participate in activities in a staggered schedule.

## **Omelet Brunches**

Omelet Brunches are back! Camp Okoboji's Omelet Brunches will be the first Sunday of every month from 9:30am-1:00pm. Outdoor seating will be available and highly recommended. Indoor tables and seating will be spaced out to allow for physical distancing. Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrances to the Dining Hall. Signage will be posted to communicate any additional adjustments to serving procedures.

## **Sunday Morning Worship Services**

Sunday Morning Worship Services will resume in the Christian Life Center at 9:45 A.M. Chairs will be spaced out to allow for physical distancing between households. Overflow seating will be provided in the Discover Center where the worship service will be displayed on TV Screens. Any attendee expectations will be communicated along with consistent signage.

## **Annual Quilt Auction**

The Annual Auxiliary Quilt Auction will be on Saturday, June 19 in the Christian Life Center. We will communicate attendee expectations (i.e. facial coverings, physical distancing, adjustments to bidding procedures) prior to the event and provide consistent signage. Any Dining Hall procedural adjustments will be communicated along with consistent signage.

## **Family Ministry Cabins**

**Monday Check-in:** With the goal of providing guests' assurance of arriving at a clean, disinfected, and sanitized cabin, more time will be required to clean, disinfect, and sanitize all 17 Family Ministry Cabins between guests. Family Ministry check-in will continue to be on Monday at 4:00 P.M. A 5% discount will be credited to 2021 in-season week-long reservations.

**Contract Addendum:** Camp Okoboji must receive a 2021 Camp Okoboji Contract Addendum that outlines Family Ministry Guests' expectations and guidelines. [Click here to view this document.](#)

## **Questions & Answers**

What if my child (camper) or member in my family tests positive for COVID-19 prior to their arrival to Camp Okoboji?

- Participants are ***NOT*** to come to Camp Okoboji if they are sick, show any symptoms of COVID-19 (*fever, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, persistent cough, new loss of smell or taste, sore throat, congestion, or running nose*), have flu-like symptoms, are aware that they've been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 10 days, are in isolation because of COVID-19, or are involved in contact tracing of COVID-19. In essence, if you are sick and are likely to spread sickness, stay home. There will be more opportunities to come to camp in the future.

What will happen with my deposit and any payments I've made if I need to cancel because of COVID-19 related illness or exposure?

- *We will ensure the safeguard of your deposits made. Here are the following options you have regarding your deposits or payments made for a program.*
- *Request and receive a refund of your deposit and payments made*
- *Request the deposit and payments made be carried over to the 2022 Summer Season or a later stay at Camp Okoboji*
- *Offer deposit and payments registration money as a donation to the ministry of Camp Okoboji*