



Silver Lake United Church Camp – COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN Summer 2021

PRIOR TO ARRIVING TO CAMP

Campers and staff are required to limit their exposure (i.e., minimize the chances of becoming infected by limiting contact with individuals outside of their immediate household) to the greatest extent possible for the **14 days prior to their arrival at camp***. We ask that you take these 14 days seriously and when you do have to be in contact with others, you properly wear your mask, maintain your distance, and be outdoors!

**Employment: Campers and staff are still permitted to attend work/jobs during the 14 days before camp; however, please be extra diligent in following all COVID safety measures.*

Campers & staff are to provide the camp with a written attestation indicating they have taken all reasonable measures to limit their exposures for 14 days prior to their arrival. This will be completed upon arrival at camp.

Campers and staff are required to provide proof of a negative (PCR; non rapid) COVID-19 test conducted within/around 72 hours of arrival to camp.

- There are a few options to get a PCR test:
 - o Certain pharmacies will perform tests for campers & staff of overnight camps.
 - Use the following link to find participating pharmacies:
<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/assessment-centre-locations>
 - Simply put in your location and click on “pharmacy” in the filter to see nearby participating pharmacies.
 - o You may be able to get a test at your local assessment center; however, they generally only do tests for people who are symptomatic or have other special circumstances. Consider calling ahead to ask if they will perform a test for you.
 - o You will likely need to book an appointment, so be sure to **plan ahead**.
 - o **You typically receive results in 2-4 days.** We recommend booking your appointment for the Monday or Tuesday prior to camp.

ARRIVAL TO CAMP/ REGISTRATION DAY

Upon arrival at camp, we will administer a secondary, rapid antigen test (cheek/nasal swab). The results are done in 15 minutes. Rapid screening is intended for asymptomatic use only. If someone screens positive, the person must leave and get a PCR test to confirm.

Everyone will be required to wear masks and practise social distancing during camp registration. We will have registration outside, in front of the Dining Hall.



Parents can be part of registration and be with their camper; however, they are not permitted to go down to the cabins with their camper. Our staff will assist in moving campers down to their cabins once they have passed proper screening, including the rapid antigen test. Parents can hug and have close contact with their camper prior to the final rapid antigen test.

DURING CAMP

During our week together, we will be operating as a single cohort. We become a new “bubble” granting us permissions to live together, eat together, sleep together, and be together. This means we will not be required to wear masks and physical distance.

We realize this will be a huge shift for us and may take some adjustment. We will continue to create opportunities where each individual can decide how close they want to be, if they prefer to keep their mask on, etc. We always want to create a safe space at SLC and this year we recognize this is part of creating a comfortable environment. We understand it is a unique dynamic this year and we want to be sensitive to that.

We will spend as much time outside as we can and when indoors, use buildings that are spacious. We will, however, still eat together (indoors & outdoors) and sleep together in cabins.

There will be times when support staff outside of our cohort will be present. They will be navigating as a separate cohort. This means they will have to practise social distancing, wear masks when indoors, eat at a different table, sleep in a separate space, etc. In circumstances where that staff is unable to distance themselves or are indoors with us, both the campers and staff member will be asked to wear a mask.

We ask that campers have a mask tucked in their pocket/in their backpack at all times for cases such as these.

SYMPTOMS & OUTBREAKS

Each day before breakfast, campers will be screened for new COVID symptoms.

It will be important they are diligent in understanding symptoms:

- a) Understanding their body and regular ailments (ex. allergies, headaches when tired, etc.)
- b) Not dismissing something if it does feel like they may be experiencing a symptom.

Please talk to your camper about this and be sure to fill out the health form and inform staff at registration about any common ailments/reactions that may mirror COVID-19 symptoms. We know camp is tiring and taxing on our bodies (new foods, new surroundings, less sleep) so we recognize this may be difficult.

We will be using the school screening process. This is a helpful overview to see what types of symptoms to be alert to and in regard to pre-existing conditions, etc. **Scroll through the link to**



read the symptoms; this may be a helpful tool to walk through/think through the types of pre-existing conditions your camper may have that are similar to COVID-19.

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

An ill individual would be separated and isolated in the designated area for further assessment or next steps pending advice of the local public health unit. We would have staff safely and properly caring for them at this time.

They may be required to be picked up and obtain a COVID PCR test upon which pending a negative result and the symptoms have subsided, could return to the camp program.

If the symptomatic individual tests positive for COVID-19 (a confirmed case) all campers and/or staff in their cohort and/or any other close contacts should be tested for COVID-19.

Therefore, it will be important for parents/guardians to be immediately available to respond to these situations as they arise.