

We've missed all of our campers and families at YMCA Camp Shepard! We know it hasn't been easy, but thanks to you and your family for doing your part to help stop the spread of coronavirus. We are thrilled to be welcoming campers back on Monday, July 6th!

As we prepare to reopen, please be assured that your child's safety is our number one priority. We're following guidelines from health experts and local officials to ensure that our facilities meet the highest standards for hygiene and safety, and we have modified our policies and programming to facilitate safe physical distancing practices.

We know the COVID-19 crisis has made many children and teens anxious and living with stay-at-home restrictions has been hard. We're so excited to welcome them back to Camp Shepard and provide a safe, fun environment to explore, get active and improve their social and emotional health.

Welcome back to camp!!!

Communication

- Camp Shepard is using OneCallNow, for communication with staff and parents/guardians via text, phone call and/or email.
- All parent/guardian contacts provided on camper's registration will be uploaded onto our OneCallNow database.
- To opt-in to receive text messages, text the word Alert to 22300.

AM Extended Day/Parent Drop-Off

Be prepared with time as drop-off may take 15 minutes or more depending on the amount of traffic in the parking lot at one time!

- Camper drop off will take place in front of bath house, cars will enter camp gates and pull up in front of bath house.
- Staff member will meet at car with gloves and mask on.
- Camper will get out of car and stand right next to car so staff can take camper's temperature using a touchless thermometer and complete a symptom check.
 - Any camper's temperature that is 100.0 and above must go home immediately and cannot return until they have not exhibited a fever for 72 hours.
 - Health check responses will be recorded and maintained on file.
- Parents/Guardians are to remain in vehicle during check in procedure. Parents/Guardians will roll down their passenger side window. Parents/Guardians will be required to use their own hand sanitizer and pen and then handed the check in book to sign in their camper. Parents will be asked to sign an attestation form daily.
- Staff will verbally screen children and parents asking the following questions. If any of the below are yes, the child must not be allowed to enter further into the camp premise. The child must return home with their parent or caregiver.

- Fever (temperature of 100.0°F or above), felt feverish, or had chills?
 - Cough?
 - Sore Throat?
 - Difficulty breathing?
 - Gastrointestinal symptoms (diarrhea, nausea, vomiting)?
 - Fatigue? (fatigue alone DOES NOT exclude a child from participation)
 - Headache?
 - New loss of smell? New loss of taste?
 - New muscle aches?
 - Any other signs of illness?
 - In the past 14 days, have you had close contact with a person known to be infected with the novel coronavirus (COVID-19)?
- Camper will then proceed to wash their hands before joining their group to begin their camp experience.

PM Extended Day/Parent Pick-Up

- Parents/Guardians can pull into camp's parking lot and park their car. Parents/Guardians MUST have a mask on to get out of car and pick up their camper.
- Sign-out picnic tables will be set up next to bath house, arranged by camper's last name. Markers will be laid out so that parents maintain physical distance while signing out their child(ren). Parents must use hand sanitizer before using pen to sign out camper.
- Any campers registered for Parent Pick-Up who are still remaining after 4:15pm will join PM Extended Day and the parents/guardians will be charged the \$5 extended day fee.

Handwashing:

- Handwashing facilities with soap, water and disposable paper towels in bath house, and additional hand washing stations will be available to each group and at skill areas for use before/after activity.
- Hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol may be utilized when handwashing is not available. When not in use, hand sanitizer will be
 - stored securely in counselors backpack
 - used only under supervision of staff
 - children are instructed on proper use
 - campers have written parent/guardian permission to use
- When to wash hands:
 - Upon entry into and exit from program space
 - When coming in to the program space from outside activities
 - Before and after eating
 - After sneezing, coughing or nose blowing
 - After toileting
 - Before handling food
 - After touching or cleaning surfaces that may be contaminated
 - After using any shared equipment

- After assisting children with handwashing
- Before and after administration of medication
- After contact with facemask or cloth face covering
- Before and after changes of gloves

Personal Protective Equipment

- Campers are encouraged to wear when they can't maintain 6 feet of distance.
 - Use of bathroom
 - Changing for pool
 - First Aid administration
 - During inclement weather in the use of shelters
- Parents will be required to provide their child with two masks daily, stored in a clearly labeled paper bag.
- Parents will be required to wash used masks either by hand (using 4 teaspoons of bleach per quart of water) or in a washing machine on the warmest setting appropriate.

Sanitation

- Each program area will be sanitized before and after use by each group, or after the use of each camper.
- Picnic Tables will be cleaned before and after lunch.
- High Touch Areas in the Bath House will be wiped down each period of the day.

Staff Training

Our staff will be trained extensively on COVID-19 protocols. They will be responsible to keeping campers physically distant, encouraging the use of masks when necessary, hand washing protocols, and looking for signs/symptoms of COVID-19.

YMCA Camp Shepard might be operating a little different than before, but it is our goal to provide a safe and fun camp environment for our campers, staff and community. Our staff team is super excited to provide a fun-filled summer for your campers!