



In an effort to keep our campers, staff, volunteers, and families safe, Susquehanna United Methodist Camp and Retreat Ministries (SUSCRM) will implement the following COVID19 Health and Safety Plan. This is a summarized version of our full COVID19 Health and Safety Plan which can be found on our website. These practices will remain in effect through the entirety of the summer season, or until otherwise revised.

Our Camping Ministry consists of three distinct centers that offer summer camp programs - Camp Penn, Greene Hills, and Wesley Forest. The below guidelines are our general practice across all centers. Detailed logistics of how these guidelines are practiced at each unique center will vary based on location. If interested in obtaining details specific to your camp event this summer, please contact the Center Director of your camp location.

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Changes from last posted document are highlighted in gray.

How Will Camp Be The Same?

Many things remain the same! We will: have campfire worship, hike, swim, create, play, and make lasting memories with camp friends! How we do some of these things may look different this year, but we remain committed to providing an outdoor experience of sacred common ground where all are invited to grow in the love of Christ.

What to Expect Before Coming to Camp

- Vaccination: We strongly encourage all eligible staff, volunteers, and campers to receive a COVID-19 vaccination and be fully vaccinated at least 2 weeks before arriving at camp
- SUSCRM asks all campers, volunteers, and staff to complete a *14 Day Pre-Camp Health Practice Form* prior to their week of camp. This guided form for all campers and volunteers lists specific pre-camp social expectations, asks for daily temperature, and self-assessment health checks. In the two weeks prior to camp be prepared to intentionally follow current [CDC guidelines for Choosing Safer Activities](#).
- If possible and available, all unvaccinated campers and volunteers are strongly encouraged to get a viral test taken no more than 1-3 days before arriving at camp.
 - Those with a positive viral test will delay their arrival until after the quarantine period is complete.
- Registration for each camp program will close two weeks prior to its start. This is to ensure that the above safety measures can be taken by all campers and volunteers.

Limited Capacity and Co-Hort Based Programming During The Week

- Limited capacity cabin groups will be comprised of least two counselors and at most 75% of normal camper capacity for the assigned cabin. Note: Specific cabin camper-to-counselor ratios will vary from center to center due to lodging layouts at each location.
- A Cabin Group will live together for the week. Cabin Group members will not need to wear masks when they are with only their Cabin Group.
- A Family Group will function as a cohort that will participate in activities together for the duration of the camp session. A Family Group will consist of combined cabins of the same age. If age appropriate, and at the approval of the parents/guardians, siblings will be assigned to the same Family Group when possible. A Family Group will wear masks when they are indoors together. Family Groups do not need to wear masks outdoors except in crowded settings or during sustained close contact activities. Family Groups must maintain 6 feet of distance from other Family Groups. *NOTE: Camps for special needs individuals will continue to have campers, volunteers, and staff wear masks/face coverings for the duration of the camp event as required by the Pennsylvania Office of Developmental Programs (ODP). See Face Mask/Coverings section of the FULL Health and Safety Plan for more details.*

- Few activities will occur as a large all-camp group. When multiple Family Groups are indoors together, masks will be worn by everyone. When multiple Family Groups are outdoors together, Family Groups must maintain 6 feet of distance from other Family Groups.
- Family Group size will be adjusted to meet the needs of the campers and the program.
- Priority will be placed on holding all activities outside. In the case of inclement weather, each Family Group will have their own designated indoor space away from other groups. If a designated indoor space is not available, then cabin groups will return to their sleeping area where activities will be led by the cabin counselor.

Masks/Face Coverings

- All campers, staff, and volunteers:
 - WILL be expected to wear a mask when:
 - Indoors with anyone other than Cabin Group
 - In close contact or crowded settings outdoors
 - WILL NOT be expected to wear a mask when:
 - Outdoors
 - Sleeping, eating, brushing teeth, showering, swimming
 - Indoors with Cabin Group
- Masks will be worn when multiple Family Groups are gathered for singing/chanting activities outdoors.
- Campers should come to camp with a minimum of 10 masks for the week of camp (2/day). Masks should be marked with camper names or initials. Masks must have at least two layers of fabric and fit around the mouth and nose. Please no single layer neck gaiter style masks or bandanas.
- Basic cloth masks will be provided for anyone who needs them.
- If a camper, staff, volunteer is unable to wear a face covering during summer 2021, then we ask that they wait until next summer to register.

General Health and Safety Practices

- Handwashing and hand sanitizer will be available around camp and frequent usage will be required before and after meals, activities, and interactions.
- Commonly touched surfaces such as doorknobs, light switches, water bottle fillers, handles, etc, will be disinfected regularly, at least once per day. Cabins, living areas, bathrooms, and shared use spaces and objects will be cleaned and sanitized daily by campers, volunteers, and staff. If during a high use day, or high use week, these spaces may be cleaned and sanitized more than once a day.
- All persons at camp will be screened daily for COVID19 symptoms and have their temperatures checked.
- Ventilation: All indoor facilities where campers and volunteers are present (cabins, dining areas, meeting rooms, rec areas, bathrooms) will have all windows open when campers are present. If an exhaust fan is present in a sleeping area, that fan will run for the duration of the sleeping hours to facilitate ventilation.

Food Service

- To-go meals via cafeteria style serving (one staff member or volunteer to dish out a designated food item) or prepacked meals will be served for each meal.
- Only one Family Group will come through the serving line at a time as determined by staggered mealtimes.
- Each Family Group will go to their own designated space to eat their meal. As weather permits, meals will happen anywhere outside that a group chooses to go (pavilion, lawn, picnic table). In the case of inclement weather, cabin groups will go to their cabin to eat meals. In some circumstances, Family Groups may be seated inside the dining area, but only when six feet of distance can be maintained between individuals.

Arriving at Camp

- Campers will be assigned a check-in time at increments. Camper families will receive scheduled arrival time two weeks prior to the start of their camp session.
- We ask that camper families avoid carpooling to and from camp. Churches and Organizations wishing to transport campers together must be in contact with the Center Director prior to transportation.
- Campers may exit the vehicle only after they have checked in with the Camp Nurse or designated health person.
- Only the camper may exit the vehicle during drop off. To keep a safe camp environment, we ask that all other family members stay in the vehicle during drop off.
- Drop off times will be scheduled according to cabins and Family Groups.

Departing Camp

- Campers will be assigned a check-out time at increments. Camper families will receive scheduled departure time two weeks prior to the start of their camp session.
- Campers will be packed and ready for pick up at the scheduled departure time.
- Like a school pick up line, one-by-one parents/guardians will pick up their camper(s) once they've signed them out and received any medications from the Camp Nurse or designated health person.
- Counselors will be available to help load luggage so that all family members can remain in the car during pick-up.
- A closing worship attended by families will not be permitted at any program this year. We encourage you to ask your camper(s) all about their camp experience on the drive home and throughout the weeks to come.

Preparing for If Someone Gets Sick

- Any camper, staff, or volunteer who is showing COVID19 symptoms that meet the protocols will be moved to an isolated area for comfort and observation.
 - If the Camp Nurse/Health Officer determines the symptoms meet the protocols that necessitate further action, the symptomatic individual will leave the camp event and be instructed to take a COVID19 rapid viral test.
 - Communication: Parents/guardians of suspected COVID19 camper will be called, and the camper will be picked up from the camp event and taken for COVID19 viral rapid testing. The camper will not be permitted to return to camp while awaiting test results.
 - In the event that a symptomatic individual is identified and sent home for testing, the remainder of their Family Group will be isolated at camp while awaiting results of the individual's COVID19 viral rapid test. Isolated Family Groups will still be able to fully participate in camp activities and meals, but extra caution will be taken for sanitizing space and objects, and physical distancing will be maintained between other Family Groups. Parents/guardians of the isolated Family Group will be notified and given the choice to come to camp to pick up their camper or allow their camper to remain at camp. Remaining campers will continue to be monitored for symptoms and the affected cabin building will be thoroughly sanitized and ventilated.
- If an individual's COVID19 viral test returns a positive result while camp is still in session, the remainder of their Family Group, including counselors, will leave the event and be referred for testing.
- In the event of a positive COVID19 exposure, Directors, with the help of the Camp Nurse, Deans, and support staff, will call all parents/guardians of campers' needing to leave site and arrange for pick up.
- If, during the same week of one Family Group going home due to positive viral rapid test, another camper, volunteer, or staff member shows COVID-19 symptoms, all remaining campers and volunteers will be sent home. Directors, with the help of the Camp Nurse, Deans, and support staff will call all parents/guardians of campers needing to leave and arrange pick-up times.
- **Attention parents/guardians:** With this possibility of having to send campers home at any time during the week, it is imperative that you provide us with a reachable contact person who will be available at any point of the camper's week for pick up. We know many parents/guardians choose to go on vacation when their camper is at camp. If you will not be available for pick-up during the week of camp, you must provide us with an emergency contact person who will be available to come get your camper if the need would arise.

COVID-19 Cancellation Policy

- If within 14 days of attending camp, a camper is unable to attend their week of camp due to awaiting a COVID19 test result, having been exposed to and thus quarantined from a positive COVID19 case, or is currently active with a positive with COVID19 case themselves, a full refund will be issued or registration fees can be transferred to a later week of camp.
- If campers need to be sent home early from camp due to a possible COVID19 exposure during their week of camp, 50% of the camp fee will be refunded.
- For cancellation reasons outside of COVID19, our traditional [Cancellation Policy](#) will be in practice. These details can be found on our website.