



In an effort to keep our campers, staff, volunteers, and families safe, Susquehanna United Methodist Camp and Retreat Ministries (SUSCRM) will implement the following COVID-19 practices and procedures. These 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.

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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, 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

- 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 2 weeks prior to camp be prepared to...
 - Limit non-essential travel.
 - Limit non-essential interactions with individuals outside of your immediate household.
 - Follow all state social distancing and masking guidelines.
- If possible and available, campers and volunteers should complete a COVID-19 test the week before arriving to camp or have received a complete vaccine.
- 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.

Pod-Based Programming During The Week

- Campers, with their counselors, will move throughout camp in small cohort groups or pods that we are calling Family Groups. These small groups will help limit possible COVID-19 transmission and exposure as well as assist with contact tracing if needed. Assignment to a Family Group will be determined prior to a camper's arrival and be formed based on age-range and sleeping location.
 - Family Groups will function as an independent unit while at camp. Campers will interact with their Family Group members during daily activities and meals. As the weather permits, all activities will take place outdoors.
 - Family Groups may interact with each other, but each group must maintain 6 ft of distance between themselves and wear masks around one another.
 - If age appropriate, and at the approval of the parents/guardians, siblings will be put in the same Family Group when possible.
 - Family Groups in large camp programs (20+ participants) will consist of 14 people or less. During small camp programs (20 participants or less) the program can operate as one pod of 20 people or less.

Worship

- Outdoor worship
 - Outdoor worship is encouraged and preferred each week of camp
 - Each Family Group will be assigned a zone that is socially distanced from all other Family Groups during worship.
 - Singing will be allowed in a Family Group, in their assigned zone, and with all participants wearing masks.
- Indoor worship
 - If outdoor worship is not possible due to inclement weather, counselors will be prepared to lead small group worship in their Family Group. Multiple Family Groups will not be permitted to gather in indoor spaces for worship or any other activities.

Meals

- Family Groups will eat separately from one another.
- To-go meals via cafeteria style serving or prepacked kits will be served 3 times a day. Family groups will then go to their own space to eat their meal. This could be outside, at a picnic pavilion, or during inclement weather in their own cabins or lodging areas.

Face Coverings and General Health Safety Practices

- All persons at camp will wear masks when indoors (with the exception of eating and sleeping) and outdoors when not able to socially distance. If a camper is unable to wear a face covering for summer 2021, then we ask that you wait until next summer to register.
- Campers should come with a minimum of 10 masks for the week of camp. We encourage campers to wear double layered fabric masks, and we ask campers to avoid packing single layer style face coverings. Please no neck gaiter style masks or bandanas used as masks. Basic cloth masks will be provided for anyone who needs them.
- Cabins and sleeping locations will be run in limited capacity with care given to ensuring 6 ft of distance between camper heads for sleeping.
- All persons at camp will practice CDC and ACA guidelines for hygiene and cleanliness.
- Handwashing and hand sanitizer will be available and used frequently before and after meals, activities, and interactions.
- All persons at camp will be screened daily for symptoms and temperatures will be checked.
- Cabins, living areas, bathrooms and shared use spaces 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 more than once a day.

Arriving at Camp

- Campers will be assigned a check-in time at 15-minute increments. You will receive your scheduled arrival time two weeks prior to the start of your camp session.
 - We ask that camper families avoid carpooling to get 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 lodging areas.

Departing Camp

- Campers will be assigned a check-out time at 30-minute increments. You will receive your scheduled arrival time two weeks prior to camp.
 - Campers will be packed and ready for pick up at your scheduled arrival time.
 - Similar to 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.
 - 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.

What If Someone Develops COVID-19 Symptoms?

- Any camper, staff, or volunteer who is showing COVID-19 symptoms will be moved to an isolated room for comfort and monitoring.
- The symptomatic camper, along with *all* members of their Family Group will leave the camp event. 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.
- If, during the same week of one Family Group going home due to suspected COVID-19, 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 in the middle of 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.

COVID-19 Cancellation Policy

- If prior to camp a camper is unable to attend their week of camp due to exposure to COVID-19 or being actively positive with COVID-19, 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 due to a possible COVID-19 exposure during their week of camp, 50% of the camp fee will be refunded.
- For cancellation reasons outside of COVID-19, our traditional [Cancellation Policy](#) will be in practice. These details can be found on our website.