



Good Friday afternoon,

It is with a heavy heart that we have moved into Phase 4 and not many of our restrictions have been lifted. One of the things we are excited about is that our groups can have 15 campers starting Monday, June 29. That being said, we will need to cancel a few of our campers for weeks starting with the July 13 session (week #6). We wanted to let you know because many have asked what our protocols are for Phase 4. This is a constantly changing environment so we do ask for your patience as we navigate these changes. If we do not have a spot for your camper, you will receive a call from us in the coming weeks.

Below is a summary of the guidelines and how they affect camp programs:

Masks – required for anyone over the age of 2 per IDPH

Campers are to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times except when social distance can be maintained. In addition, campers will not be required to wear masks when eating. If campers use reusable masks we ask that they are taken home and washed at the end of the day. Any time a camper takes off their mask, they can put it in their pocket or their backpack which they can carry with them. Exceptions can be made for people with medical conditions or disabilities that prevent them from safely wearing a face covering all day.

Water

Water fountains are not available for use. Due to the guidelines, we request that you send your child with 2 water bottles a day. These can be their own reusable bottles, but they will not be able to refill them using camp's water fountains. Each camper will be given a bottle of water at lunchtime, and there will be coolers carried around during the day with some spare water bottles. Groups will be able to swim once a week. Swim time will start with instruction followed by water exploration.

Lunches

Reusable dishware/lunchboxes will not be allowed. Your child's lunch should be completely disposable and shouldn't include any reusable items. We recommend a sack lunch, with their name clearly labeled on it. We will have separate bags, provided by the counselor, so that lunches do not touch any other lunches. Lunches will be refrigerated.





Disinfection

Areas that are used multiple times a day will be disinfected after each use. (i.e. disinfecting a basketball if they were at a basketball court). If it is not feasible for a counselor to disinfect after use, we have our high school program going through to perform deep cleans. To help to minimize contact with doorknobs, counselors will open doors to buildings.

Rainy Day Update

When inside for rainy day rooms, the groups will maintain at least 30 feet of distancing from other groups.

COVID-19 Policies/Symptomatic

A parent/guardian must drop off campers at their shelter for them to be screened at drop off. If a camper is found to have symptoms of COVID-19 they will not be permitted on camp's grounds. They will not be allowed to return until they have not had a fever for at least 72 hours, other symptoms have improved, and at least 10 days have passed since their symptoms first appeared.

Early/Late Stay

A few changes will take place for Early/Late Stay. You must preregister [here](#). Early/Late Stay will also take place in the camper's shelter instead of the game room.

Free Time Changes

To adhere to the policies, we are unable to schedule the afternoon free time as in years past. All children will have an opportunity to visit the Pickle Shack with their group in the afternoon.

Reminder, these policies are in effect as of this time. We will continue to monitor changes to these guidelines per *Restore Illinois* and/or the IDPH and guidelines are subject to change at any time.

As the state of Illinois has changed guidelines/phases we are doing our best to rapidly adjust to these guidelines and care for your camper(s), which is still our first priority. We are enjoying seeing kids on grounds, telling them about Jesus, hearing their laughter, and asking them what they love about camp(which the pickle shack is still number one). We greatly appreciate your patience, prayers, and flexibility as we chart these waters together.

Thank you for sending your kid to camp this summer. We hope that the information contained in this email helps you in preparing your child(ren) for camp. Again, thank you for charting these waters alongside with us.

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