

Unit use of BLC Facilities – COVID-19 Action Plan

COVID-19 is the illness caused by a novel, or new, coronavirus first identified in Wuhan, China, in late 2019. The virus is SARS-Co-V-2, and the disease the virus causes, coronavirus disease 2019, is abbreviated as COVID-19. Public health officials are monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak, which is a public health emergency.

The symptoms of infection with COVID-19 are usually a respiratory illness with fever, cough and difficulty breathing. COVID-19 can spread from person-to-person. Coronaviruses in general can be spread through the air by coughing and sneezing and through close personal contact, such as shaking hands, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Coronaviruses can also be spread by touching an object or surface with the virus on it and then your eyes, mouth or nose. The disease can be fatal.

PREVENTION STEPS:

1. Communication to parents and leaders. Ask for help from the parents for pre-screening.
2. Pre- Screening of every participant by parents 24 hours before the event. Use the recommended screening checklist.
3. Screening Questions for parents, scouts and leaders:
 - a. Have you had any of the following symptoms in the last 14 days: sore throat, cough, chills, body aches for unknown reasons, shortness of breath for unknown reasons, loss of smell, or loss of taste?
 - b. Have you had a fever at or greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit?
 - c. Have you or anyone in your household been in contact with an individual who is in quarantine or is a presumptive positive or has tested positive for COVID-19?
4. Modified housing for participants and leaders. It is recommended that when tenting or bunking that individuals sleep head to toe to maintain distance. If possible, provide as much distance as possible including using individual tents for non-family members. Once assigned to a bunk or tent, depending on setting, every camper should consistently use that space and not move to a different area.
5. Promotion and practice of good cough and hygiene etiquette.
6. Good environmental controls- disinfecting camp facilities frequently.
7. Face coverings (masks) will be encouraged and are required when social distancing is not possible. We will also follow all state or local regulations regarding the use of masks while indoors.
8. Units only interact with people from their unit only. Maintain isolation from all other groups. There will be no camp wide gatherings even when distancing may be possible
9. Advising any participant, in a high-risk category, to not attend camp.
10. BLC staff or volunteers that have a specific need relating to program, properties, support, medical or safety, may enter a unit's building or camping area. When doing so they will ask permission from a unit leader. Such individuals shall wash and sanitize their hands before moving into a unit's area. To protect the integrity of the unit, they shall use face coverings (masked) at all times when indoors. The campers or staff, with whom they are interacting, shall also be masked when they are within 6 feet.
11. Appropriate cleaning and sanitizing are to be performed.

CAMPER AND LEADER EDUCATION:

The best way to prevent infection from COVID-19 is to avoid being exposed to it. That means staying away from outbreak areas and people who have been infected. Staff and campers will be reminded through signs and public service announcements these steps to prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses:

- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer that is at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Do not come in close contact with people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you sneeze or cough. Throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands afterward.
- Stay away from campers and other staff when you are sick.
- Wear face coverings when interacting with campers or when proper social distancing is difficult.
- Stay home when you are sick.

INITIAL SCREENING

At departure for travel to camp or upon arrival to camp, all participants will be screened by a unit leader. This will include a temperature check.

1. Information that they have been in contact with anyone who has COVID-19 or is otherwise sick, requires they will be sent home.
2. Shortness of breath, new or worsening dry cough, flu-like symptoms, vomiting, diarrhea or a fever of 100.4 F or greater requires they will be sent home.
3. Two or more of the following they will be sent home: cough, unexplained extreme fatigue or muscle aches, rash, sore throat, or an open sore.

DAILY SCREENING

Units will be responsible for daily screening for their Scouts and adults. This will include temperature checks and a review for symptoms. If a camper is suspected to have COVID-19 symptoms based on this assessment, see **“If a Camper becomes Sick at Camp”** for more instructions.

SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19: Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose

- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Look for emergency warning signs for COVID-19. If someone is showing any of these signs, seek emergency medical care immediately:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

While most children who get COVID-19 have a mild or even asymptomatic illness, there are new reports that some children may have a complication that can be severe and dangerous. Called multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C) by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it can lead to life-threatening problems with the heart and other organs in the body. Contact camp medical staff right away if a child is showing symptoms of MIS-C:

- Fever
- Abdominal pain
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Neck pain
- Rash
- Bloodshot eyes
- Feeling extra tired

IF A CAMPER BECOMES SICK AT CAMP

1. Confidentiality of the camper must be maintained throughout the entire process.
2. If camper is suspected to have COVID-19 based on an assessment, place a face covering on the individual. Isolate the individual to an isolation area.
3. The unit leader who is providing health care should maintain distance and wear their mask. If possible, only one leader or adult should provide direct care. This unit leader or adult should remain isolated from the rest of the unit. It is recommended that units bring health care supplies such as N95 masks and gloves for leaders who may be providing health care.
4. All participants will wear appropriate face coverings after a camper becomes sick at camp.
5. The entire camper group will be quarantined to their campsite/ building until further evaluation is completed and/ or departure from camp is arranged.
6. Notify Camp Ranger or Camp Master and parents or guardians.
7. Evaluation considerations:
 - Does the camper or staff member warrant further clinical evaluation, and if so, do so, either in-person or via telehealth.
 - If the camper or staff member does not require immediate clinical evaluation, and the recommendation is for the individual to return home; isolate the individual until appropriate return to home transportation can be arranged.
8. The campsite/ building will be marked closed with caution tape and remain closed till cleaned and disinfected.

HEALTH OFFICE

The camp health office will be closed, and health office staff will not be available during your stay in camp.

DISINFECTING CAMP:

To minimize transfer of coronavirus at camp, cleaning methods will be employed by each unit to reduce risk to campers during your stay. If surfaces are dirty, they should be cleaned using a detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection. Prior to departure the buildings used by your unit should be cleaned and disinfected.

- First clean visibly dirty surfaces then perform disinfection.
- Cleaning staff should wear eye protection, disposable gloves, and facemasks while cleaning/disinfecting and while handling trash.
- Use disposable wipes/paper towels to clean surfaces if possible, rather than reusable cloth wipes, as the latter can re-contaminate surfaces. All cleaning and disinfecting materials (e.g., paper towels, cloth wipers, sponges, mop heads, etc.) should be disposed in sealed bags or containers after use.
- In each area, pay attention to high touch areas, including, but not limited to, handrails, door handles, cabinet and drawer handles, shared sports equipment or craft tools.

USE OF BUILDINGS

Groups will be allowed to use selected buildings at our camps provided they can follow these guidelines.

- Units will be allowed to use selected buildings but at a capacity of no more than 50%. This will provide more space to spread campers out. If your attendance will go over 50%, please plan to supplement with unit/personal tents.
- Campers should sleep head-to-toe in bunks or cots spaced as far apart as possible.
- Arrange seating of chairs and tables to be least 6 feet apart during shared meals or other events.
- Units should avoid interacting with other units using parts of the property.