

DISCOVERY WORLD SUMMER CAMP

OPERATING PLAN 2021

The staff of Discovery World will be working hard to ensure that our camps are as safe of spaces as they can be. You and your camper(s) also have a role in protecting not only yourselves, but everyone else in the camp from transmission of communicable diseases such as COVID-19.

The purpose of this document is to inform you of the safety measures that the summer camp program is taking to reduce the spread of COVID-19. All staff, campers, and camp families are required to follow the procedures outlined in this document.

Discovery World's Summer Camp Operating Plan to is based on guidance from public health officials, recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the American Camp Association (ACA), and best practices shared by our peer organizations at the Association of Science and Technology Centers (ASTC).

Discovery World reserves the right to modify or omit activities without notice in order to maintain safety of guests and staff.

OVERVIEW:

- All staff will wear face masks/coverings.
- All campers will wear face masks/coverings as much as activities allow.
- Discovery World will provide hand sanitizer with 60% alcohol content or greater throughout the facility.
- All staff and campers will be asked to complete daily health screenings prior to coming to Discovery World.
 - Anyone with a temperature of 100.0°F or higher will not be permitted in the building.
- Drop-off and pick-up procedures will be modified to be non-contact.
- Camp rooms and activities have been modified to allow for physical distancing and reduction of shared materials.
- Camp capacities have been reduced.
- Camps will be held in classrooms restricted from public access.
- Increased cleaning procedures throughout Discovery World.
- Sanitation of supplies between use.
- Staff training on cleaning and distancing techniques.
- Campers will adhere to physical distancing practices as well as wearing face masks/coverings.
 - If a camp participant doesn't follow rules surrounding physical distancing and face masks/coverings:
 - The first time, a camper will receive a warning from summer camp staff.
 - The second time, a phone call to the camper's caregiver will be made.
 - Discovery World reserves the right to remove a camper from the summer camp program in the event they do not adhere to physical distancing and face mask/covering usage.

PART 1: CLEANING PROCEDURES

Labs are the primary location for camper/camper and camper/staff interactions. Each lab space has a check-list of clean-up procedures that must be followed, ranging from pushing in of chairs to specialized equipment clean up. In addition to the standard cleaning procedures,

- All lab surfaces will be cleaned multiple times each day, including at the end of the day and during camp break times.
- Gloves will be worn while cleaning and wiping down surfaces.
- Any equipment used by campers will be wiped down/disinfected in between uses.

PART 2: CAMP OPERATIONS

Camp Activities

- There will be no direct partner or group activities.
- Activities will be modified to no longer include direct touching or close proximity of campers to each other.
- There will be no food-based activities.
- Field trips/guest speakers will be limited to virtual experiences or excursions on the Discovery World campus or adjoining park, Lakeshore State Park.

Supplies

- Minimize shared supplies or equipment as much as possible.
 - If using shared supplies or equipment, items must be sanitized or disinfected between uses.
- Supplies will be provided to campers through individual supply “kits” and used at individual work stations. For example, a cup with a marker, pencil, scissors, glue stick, and needed supplies for the first day’s activity could be placed out in the morning.

Bathroom Use

- Discovery World bathrooms are now touchless.
 - Doors will be propped open.
 - Sinks and flushes are automated.
 - Hand sanitizer should be used on the way in.
 - Wash hands before leaving the bathroom.
- Available bathrooms will be on the Promenade, 2nd floor of the Aquarium, 2nd floor of the Technology Building, and adjacent to the Pavilion.

Building Pathways and Flow

- Elevator use
 - Staff elevator is restricted to staff only.
 - Public elevators are restricted to one family unit at a time.
 - Camps should not take elevators unless an accommodation is required.
- Directional walk-ways will be outlined inside of DW.

Lunch

- Campers must clean hands before and after lunch and snack times.

- Lunch will take place in an area inaccessible to public guests.
- Lunch tables will have markings indicating allowable places to sit per physical distancing guidelines.
 - Campers will store their belongings in the lunch room. Each camper will have a designated shelf space for their belongings.
 - This area will be closed to the public.
- Bottles of water will be made available to camp participants.
- Refilling water bottles is not encouraged at this time.
 - Children may bring a full water bottle, but will not be able to refill it.

Recess

- Recess will be moved from the Wind Leaves to the field near the Summerfest grounds.
- Staff will use cones to show the perimeters of the recess area.
- Campers may play non-contact games led by instructors or can engage in individual quiet-time.
- Campers will adhere to social distancing practices as well as wearing face masks.

Snack

- Each camper will clean hands with hand sanitizer before receiving snack, after eating, and before playing games.
- Staff will distribute snack while using PPE including face mask/covering and gloves.
- Each snack provided will be individually wrapped.
- Staff will bring trash receptacles to the recess area.
- In case of rain, snack will be served in the labs.

PART 3: ARRIVAL, DISMISSAL, EXTENDED CARE

Check-In

- Contact-free check-in
 - Families will receive an email from the Summer Camp Manager the week prior to camp containing information needed for the week of camp.
 - In the event that you have questions about your child's week of camp, please **email** the Summer Camp Team at summercamp@discoveryworld.org.
 - Please stay in the car during morning drop-off.
 - Summer Camp staff will come to your vehicle to check in your child.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided and applied by campers and staff before entering the building.
- Campers will store their belongings in the lunch room. Each camper will have a designated shelf space for their belongings.
 - Please note that campers may not bring their belongings into the labs with them, except for a water bottle or medical devices/medications.
- Students will receive a disposable name tag each day.

Pick-Up

- Campers will return to the lunch room to gather belongings before going to the pick-up area.
- Families are encouraged to limit the number of people picking-up a child throughout the week.
- Campers will be seated outdoors during the pick-up process.

- Families will be provided with a sign with the name of their child to be used during pick-up. Please show this sign **and** your ID to the summer camp staff during pick up.
 - Please stay in your vehicle during the pick-up process.

Before Care

- Only parents that signed up their child ahead of time for Before Care will be accepted.
- Parents to maintain physical distancing with other parents and campers.
- Campers must already be wearing face mask when leaving their car.
- Parents must also wear a face mask if leaving their vehicle or dropping off their camper on foot.
- Recommend one parent as the designated pick-up and drop-off for camp.

After Care

- Parents **MUST** sign up for After Care 24 hours in advance.
 - If campers are not picked up on time, there will be a fine for unregistered After Care participation.
- Parents will remain in their vehicle during pick-up from After Care.
- Parents picking up on foot must wear a face mask.
- After care will be held on the northwest side of the building.
 - Caregivers picking up from After Care should pick-up from the front circle drive.

PART 4: ILLNESS PREVENTION

Personal Hygiene Guidelines and Actions

Discovery World recommends that all camp families adopt regular personal hygiene strategies, including but not limited to:

- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water.
 - Wash for at least 20-seconds, and ensure all areas of the hands, fingers, and wrists are covered.
- Use hand sanitizer periodically when hand washing with soap and water is not possible.
- Campers should refrain from touching their face.
- Refrain from shaking hands with or touching others.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or the corner of your elbow – not hands.
- Dispose of soiled tissues immediately after use in appropriate containers.

Social Distancing Guidelines and Actions

Discovery World will require that campers practice social distancing whenever safely possible. Social distancing includes maintaining at least 6-feet of space between yourself and others, and limiting contact to others as much as possible.

The concept of social distancing involves more than just 6-feet of space. Social distancing also means avoiding contact with high numbers of people. Reducing contact to as few people as possible is an important part of social distancing.

Discovery World will require that campers adhere to the following social distancing guidelines:

- 6-Foot spacing between you and others.

- Avoid physical touching of others (handshakes, fist bumps, etc.)
- Refrain from gathering close to others.

Symptoms and Illness

Common symptoms of COVID-19 have been identified as including the below. Symptoms may appear 2 to 14 days after exposure:

- Dry Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever
- Chills
- Muscle pain and aches
- Tiredness / Exhaustion
- Sore Throat
- New Loss of Taste or Smell
- Nasal Congestion
- Runny Nose
- Diarrhea

PART 5: SYMPTOMS AND KNOWN OR SUSPECTED ILLNESS

Camper Health Assessment

Campers must ensure they are in good standing health when onsite. Discovery World requires that caregivers engage in two (2) activities each day to ensure that their child is fit and healthy.

BEFORE attending camp each day, you must complete a temperature check and a daily health assessment.

1. Daily Temperature Check
 - a. Campers will be required to have their temperature taken prior to entering Discovery World. If a camper has a temperature of 100.0°F or higher, you must keep your child at home that day. Your child will not be able to return to camp until:
 - i. 72 hours since the resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing therapies, AND
 - ii. a note from a doctor indicating they do not have any known illness.
 - b. Discovery World reserves the right to screen camp participants and staff for symptoms of COVID-19, including taking temperature with a thermometer. If a child's temperature is 100.0°F or higher, they will need to be picked up from Discovery World within an hour. In this case, campers will remain in an isolation area or outdoors while they wait for transportation. Thermometers will be disinfected after every use.
2. Daily Self-Assessment

Please ask yourself and your child the following four questions each day:

 - a. Do you have symptoms of fever, cough, chills, shortness of breath, a sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell?
 - b. Have you had close contact in the last fourteen (14) days with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19?

- c. Do others in your household have COVID-19 symptoms?
- d. Have you travelled on an airplane internationally or domestically in the last fourteen (14) days?

Families should review each of these questions prior to arriving to Discovery World. If the answers to each of these questions is “No”, the camper may come to camp. If the answer to any of the questions above is “Yes”, the family must immediately notify the Summer Camp Manager and wait for additional instruction.

Response Plan for Confirmed Positive of Coronavirus for Summer Camp

Discovery World has a response plan in place for instances of confirmed positive cases of coronavirus. Campers will not be able to continue at camp until after **all of the following have occurred:**

1. At least 72 hours since the resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing therapies
2. Improvement of respiratory symptoms
3. At least ten (10) days have passed since the symptoms first appeared
4. A doctor’s note clearing you to return to camp.

Discovery World will conduct contact tracing to determine individuals in camp that come into “close contact” with him/her while at Discovery World during the two weeks leading up to the positive test. Discovery World will use their best judgement in determining who from the list is at greatest risk and will be responsible for contacting those individuals.

Discovery World will be mindful of the camp family’s privacy and confidentiality when communicating to at risk individuals. Names will not be used in this communication. Discovery World will generally share that an individual they may have come into contact with recently has tested positive, or a member in their household has tested positive, for COVID-19. Any camper or staff member who came in “close contact” with the confirmed case will be sent home from camp for a 14-day period.

In the event of a confirmed case of coronavirus of a camper or in a camper’s immediate household, steps will be taken to close off areas visited by the ill person and open outside doors/windows (if possible) to increase circulation in the area. The area will be quarantined for 24 hours, or as long as practical before beginning cleaning and disinfection of the area.

Response Plan for Probable Case(s) for Campers

While we understand that COVID-19 symptoms are shared with many other illnesses, Discovery World must ensure the safety of the campers, staff and guests in the building.

Campers should report all illnesses immediately to Discovery World staff members. Campers who report illness symptoms will be asked to leave camp immediately and caregivers will be required to pick-up their child within one (1) hour. Campers will wait in an isolated area or outdoors, with a Summer Camp Staff member, until their caregiver arrives to pick them up.

For symptoms of COVID-19 without Diagnosis, a camper may return after each of the following have occurred:

1. At least 72 hours since the resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing therapies
2. A doctor’s note clearing you to return to camp

If you are unable to obtain a doctor's note, you will be required to complete a 10-day self-isolation period from the first sign of symptoms.

If a camper or someone in his or her immediate household has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus, the camper **may not** come to camp. Campers with known close contact to a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 will not be allowed to return to Discovery World until the end of the 14-day self-isolation period from the date of exposure.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I have been provided Discovery World's policies, requirements, and guidelines for hygiene, cleaning, and protective measures intended to mitigate the risk of exposure to COVID-19 at camp, including the following:

- Social distancing of at least 6 feet, whenever instructed to do so by summer camp staff;
- Wearing required protective masks/face coverings at all times;
- Etiquette for covering coughs and sneezes;
- Hand-washing frequency;
- Disinfecting and sanitizing surfaces, tools and equipment;
- Procedures for COVID-19 confirmed and probable cases;
- Procedures for coming in close contact with a COVID-19 confirmed patient.

I agree to abide by Discovery World's policies, requirements, and guidelines at all times. I recognize these measures are intended to protect me and others from the risk of exposure to COVID-19, as well as anyone I may come into contact with. I understand that I am responsible for notifying the Organization in the event I experience symptoms or received a positive diagnosis, have had direct contact with someone else experiencing symptoms/received a positive diagnosis, and agree to provide accurate and honest information.

If I have any questions or concerns regarding Discovery World protective measures or my ability to attend camp, I will contact the Summer Camp Manager.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____