

Camp Emeth COVID-19 Policies & Procedures

Congregation Shaare Emeth has put together these procedures in an effort to run a safe, healthy, fun program for all its participants and staff. Adherence to these procedures is paramount to having a successful summer in which all children and staff are kept safe and healthy. While these times are uncertain, our goal is to provide our community with a safe and healthy place for all to play, connect, and grow. These procedures have been developed with guidance from the American Camp Association, the Center for Disease Control, and St. Louis County as well as input from other camp professionals and health care providers. They have been reviewed and recommended by the CSE COVID-19 Task Force. To the degree that any guidance is updated by these organizations, the procedures will be updated accordingly.

Camp Hours – Camp Emeth 2.1 will operate from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm, Monday - Friday, June 7- July 30.

Daily Pre-Screening Procedures

All staff/campers will have temperature checks and answer a series of health screening questions daily.

- Have you been fever free (<100.4 F) for 24 hours?
- Have you developed a new or worsening cough?
- Do you have new or worsening body aches?
- Do you have a sore throat?
- Are you experiencing troubled breathing / shortness of breath?
- Have you lost any sense of taste or smell?
- Have you had exposure to anyone, including a household or a close family member, who has tested positive for COVID-19, suspected of having COVID-19, being tested for COVID-19 or being isolated due to travel or exposure history in the past 14 days?

Dropoff Procedures

- Staff, campers and parents/guardians will be asked to wear a face mask.
- Daily Health Screenings will be completed by parent/guardian on each camper by submitting the google form screening questionnaire prior to carpool.
- Parents/guardians will stop at the temperature check station for staff to take their temperature and present their google form email confirmation.
- The window next to the camper should be rolled down and the campers will be asked to approach the window for the staff member to take their temperature and complete a quick visual assessment.
- A temporal thermometer will be used and sanitized after each use. Temp will be logged with the child's name, date, and time. (Temperature may not exceed 100.4 F in order for camper to attend that day.)
- Dropoff will take place in the Camp Emeth carpool bay.
- Parents must stay in their vehicle at all times.
- Campers must unbuckle themselves or get assistance from their parent.

- Staff are not to reach into the vehicle at any time for any reason.
- A quick visual assessment will be done by staff (flushed cheeks, shortness of breath, general demeanor)
- After “passing” the health screening, campers will be permitted to leave their vehicle.
- If camper does not “pass” the screening, they will be asked to follow the exclusion guidelines (outlined later in this document)
- If a camper does not “pass” the screening, any other campers in their vehicle will also be subjected to the same exclusion guidelines.

Late Drop Off

- Pull into the designated spot in bay 5.
- Please call the camp phone upon arrival and remain in your car.
- Please have your google form email confirmation ready.
- A staff member will take your child’s temperature.
- A staff member will bring you the sign out sheet.
- Campers will be picked up at your car by a staff member and taken to their group.

Pick-up Procedures

Groups will be located in the carpool bay for afternoon pickup.

- Parents will enter the parking lot on the Ballas Road side.
- Follow signage and staff direction.
- Please remain in line and not pull around cars.

Early Pick-up

- Please notify camp by email (campemeth1@gmail.com), phone, or note of an early pickup.
- Pull into the designated spot in bay 5.
- Please call the camp phone upon arrival and remain in your car.
- A staff member will bring you the sign out sheet.
- Campers will be delivered to your car.

Hand Sanitation & Washing Procedures

- Hand washing:
 - Hand sanitizer will be provided to each group for use throughout the day.
 - Hand washing (or use of sanitizer) should be done before and after any eating, before and after any use with camp equipment, after toileting, and upon leaving and entering a camp activity area
 - All staff & campers should use soap and water to wash hands at key points throughout the day.

- A bathroom schedule will be created to allow for each group to have the appropriate time and space to use hand-washing facilities.
- Hand-washing shall occur before and after eating lunch and snack and after activities where campers may have touched the same supplies.
- While a schedule will be posted, emergencies occur and campers will be permitted to use the facilities in these instances
- In these instances, all efforts will be made to maintain social distancing, but conditions may not allow it.
- Staff are required to follow all current handwashing procedures. In addition, staff must wash their hands after direct contact with a child. If a staff member chooses to wear gloves, proper glove protocols must be followed - gloves must be discarded after contact with a child, and hand-washing guidelines will still apply.

Face Coverings:

- Campers and staff must wear a face covering at all times indoors.
- Outdoors, campers and staff must wear a face covering when social distancing of at least six feet cannot be done.
- The covering must cover the mouth and nose.
- Campers & staff are required to wear face coverings any time they are entering/leaving the camp area, during carpool, using a shared space, walking through spaces where they may encounter other individuals, and any other time when social distancing is not possible. These face coverings should be fresh and clean each day.
- Appropriate face coverings include medical masks, cloth masks, etc.
- Parents will be asked to wear a face covering during carpool.

Sanitization and Disinfection:

- The camp will utilize a sanitation supply list provided by the ACA. We will follow the manufacturer's instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products. Additionally, diluted household bleach solutions can be used if appropriate for the surface.
- A regular sanitization schedule will be made for all Camp Emeth areas.
- Sanitation will happen at the end of the day for all areas, and after each group finishes using a space throughout the day.
- Shared equipment will be properly cleaned and sanitized after each individual use and each group use.
- Equipment that cannot be sanitized in-between uses will not be used or will be limited to use by only one group per week.

Other PPE

- Gloves – Staff are required to follow all current glove procedures set by camp guidelines. Gloves must be removed, and hands must be washed after coming in contact with a child.

Grouping & Activities Procedures

- Campers will be divided into small groups of no more than 12 campers with at least two counselors.
- Groups will physically distance from all other groups, including during lunch and snack.
- Physical distancing within groups will be emphasized with campers and staff and adhered to whenever possible.
- Each group will have a “supply kit” used by only their group.
- In addition, all groups will be a part of a rotation of specialist-led activities in their outdoor designated area, whenever possible. Specialists will maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet from the group and will provide demonstration-based facilitation
- Counselors will participate in these activities and help the campers in their group.

Campus Usage

We will be utilizing both outdoor and indoor spaces on our huge beautiful campus. No one other than the group, Senior Staff or Specialists (when necessary) may have access to individual group rooms. Shared spaces will be disinfected between groups.

- Outdoors
 - The upper and lower pavilions
 - The pavilion fields
 - Several parking bays that will be restricted by cones.
 - Grassy areas on the east, west and north ends of the campus.
- Indoors
 - Rooms 21-25
 - Library & Library Conference Room
 - North Lobby
 - Kehillah Center
 - Chapel

Special programs & Field Trips

- There will be NO all-camp programming
- Special event days may still occur if appropriate distance can be maintained.
- We are hoping to schedule 2 outdoor all camp field trips if conditions permit.

Bus Riding

Campers and staff will ride the bus to/from swimming and field trips.

- Campers/staff will sit one to a seat.
- There will only be 2 groups on the bus at a time; group 1 in the front half and group 2 in the back half.

- Windows will be open for ventilation, when possible.

Lunch & Snack Procedures

- Camper lunches will be collected daily stored in camper rooms in air conditioning.
- Lunch will run in rotating periods outdoors. (During extreme weather conditions, groups will eat in their individual rooms.)
- All snacks will be served in individual bags.
- Campers will carry their own water bottles. There will be iced water coolers around camp to re-fill water bottles. One counselor will hold the button on the spout for the whole group. The spout will then be cleaned before the next group fills their water.
- No use of water fountains

Inclement Weather Procedures

In the event of inclement weather (heavy rain, storms, lightning) and extreme heat, we may have to move indoors. Each group will be in their designated area following indoor protocols.

Exclusion Policies

- Camper:
 - If a camper begins to display symptoms of illness, requiring exclusion, they will be removed from the group and taken to a designated exclusion space.
 - Camper must be picked up immediately. We will call emergency contacts if the camper is not picked up within 30 minutes.
 - The camper must follow the exclusion guidelines before rejoining camp activities.
- Staff:
 - If a staff member begins to display symptoms of illness, requiring exclusion, they will be immediately removed from the group and asked to leave.
 - If they are a minor, they will go through the same procedure as campers (or at least have a parent contacted).
 - They must follow the exclusion guidelines before being allowed to return to work..
- Types of Exclusion:
 - COVID symptoms: Fever 100.4 or higher, cough, loss of smell or taste, sore throat, rapid breathing, repeated shaking/chills – three days being symptom free (without the use of medication) and at least seven days after the onset of symptoms
 - Exposure to a confirmed case of COVID-19 – 14 days
 - Other illness/symptoms (i.e. rash, vomiting, loose stools, pink eye/eye discharge, or any illness without COVID-19 related symptoms) – 24 hours without symptoms
- Returning to camp:

- A person with COVID-19 must be isolated for a minimum of 10 days after symptom onset and 72 hours after fever resolves without fever reducing medication to be readmitted to camp.
- A person with a known exposure to COVID-19 must be quarantined for 14 days.
- Health Concerns which require communication with parents before enrollment.
 - Asthma
 - Diabetes
 - Behavior issues – Campers who demonstrate that they cannot follow physical distancing rules.
 - Other health concerns

Unexpected Closing & Notification Procedures

When a confirmed COVID-19 case has entered a camp, regardless of community transmission, any camp in any community might need to implement short-term closure procedures regardless of community spread if an infected person has been in the building. If this happens, CDC recommends the following procedures regardless of the level of community spread:

- Short (potential 2-5 Day) campus closure to Clean/Disinfect/Contact Trace in consultation with local health officials.
- Notify all individuals who have come in contact with or had been in close proximity to the confirmed individual.
- Immediate closure of all areas used by person with confirmed COVID-19.
- Communicate with staff and families in accordance with camp communication policies.

Required Quarantine Policy

Quarantine prior to return to Shaare Emeth is required under the following circumstances, regardless of location, whether local or associated with travel:

- Close contact – SE staff member, or SE camper or their household contact has had unmasked close contact (less than 6 ft for >15") with a person who has or is suspected of having COVID-19 (unless the staff member is at least 2 weeks past the point of being fully vaccinated against SARS CoV-2);
- Attendance at an indoor gathering of more than 20 people without universal masking and social distancing.
- Attendance at an outdoor gathering of more than 30 people without universal masking and social distancing

These guidelines reflect the most up to date guidelines at the time this document was prepared. It is possible that the strategies and concepts outlined here may change as understanding evolves regarding the unique challenges that COVID-19 poses. We reserve the right to change

these guidelines, as changes occur in recommendations from the CDC, ACA, St. Louis County and other governing parties.

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