

AMNICON COVID-19 POLICIES

Phase 2 Policy: Staff and Campers - Trips and On Site

HEALTH SCREENING

Before Arrival at Camp:

Parents/guardians should self-monitor their campers for 14 days prior to arrival and conduct pre-screening activities such as:

- Taking and recording their own temperature for 14 days before camp (refer to the individual instructions provided with the thermometer).
- Self-screening for the presence of symptoms (fever of 100.4 °F or greater, cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, fatigue, headache, muscle aches, nausea, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, vomiting, etc.) within the past two weeks.
- Determining if, within the past two weeks, the individual has traveled nationally or internationally.
- Determining if the individual has been in close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with, tested for, or quarantined as a result of COVID-19.

Screening at Arrival:

- Immediately upon arrival groups/campers will be greeted in the parking lot by the designated screener
- Screener will be wearing appropriate PPE including mask, eye protection, and gloves
- An initial health screen will be conducted in accordance with current camp policies, as well as include additional screening for COVID-19 related symptoms

Ongoing Screening:

- Staff will evaluate campers each morning by verbally asking them if they believe they are exhibiting any symptoms related to COVID-19. A checklist log will be kept to ensure each camper gets asked.
- All possible symptoms will be reported to a director for further evaluation and implementation of a suspected COVID-19 case protocols

RESPONSE AND MANAGEMENT OF CASE(S) OR PROBABLE CASE(S)

If a camper or participant is identified as having a potential or confirmed case of COVID-19, isolate the individual in a location previously identified as part of the camp's communicable disease plan (CDP).

Follow protocols outlined in the CDP and consider the following:

- Consider if a camper warrants further clinical evaluation, and if so, make arrangements to do so, either in-person or via telehealth.

- If a camper does not require immediate clinical evaluation, and if CDP calls for the individual to return home, isolate the individual until appropriate return to home transportation can be arranged.
- If a camper does not require immediate clinical evaluation, and if CDP calls for isolation of individual within the camp facility:
 - Follow CDC Interim Guidance for Implementing Home Care of People Not Requiring Hospitalization for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
 - Make arrangements to have the person's belongings moved
 - Clean the person's sleeping areas according to CDP.
 - Consider testing options and notification of State and local officials.
 - It is crucial to carry out "contact tracing" immediately to determine the potential or confirmed case's contacts with other campers or staff members over the previous two or more days.

REGARDING COMMUNICATION AT CAMP

- At the beginning of camp, hold small group trainings and demonstrations on behaviors and precautions should abide by, including:
 - Handwashing
 - Before eating food or entering Dining Hall
 - After using the restroom
 - After using any "common" items or touching frequently touched surfaces
 - After coughing, sneezing or blowing nose
 - Water-bottle filling
 - Physical distancing
 - COVID-19 related symptoms and who to report them to
 - Coughing etiquette
 - Other Amnicon specific procedures

In the event of a suspected case, Amnicon will:

- Refer to the camp's Communicable Disease Plan (CDP) or applicable healthcare standards for full guidance.
- Before any conversation with an affected camper, consider the age of the camper and address their fears and concerns appropriately.
- Interview the confirmed or suspected case and begin contact tracing in coordination with appropriate local and state health resources, as warranted.
- Maintain confidentiality; do not provide the name or any potentially identifying information of the confirmed or suspected case.
- Alert local health officials on unusually high camper absenteeism rates.
- Regularly share camper absenteeism data with local health officials if requested.
- Notify local health officials of suspected and confirmed cases immediately.
- Seek guidance to determine whether to dismiss or end camp programs early if necessary.

In the Event of a Potential Exposure:

- Immediately inform parents/legal guardians about any potential contact their children may have had with suspected or confirmed cases.
- Immediately inform parents/legal guardians if their child(ren) are experiencing any symptoms.
- Refer to the camp's Communicable Disease Plan (CDP) or applicable childcare standards for full guidance.
- See the "Sample Communication" document for the following scenarios:
 - Your child has tested positive for COVID-19.
 - Your child was identified as having contact with a suspected or confirmed case.
 - There are X number of cases at camp; there is no reason to believe your child has been in contact with these individuals.

WITH REGARD TO MEAL TIMES, AMNICON WILL:

- Prioritize, encourage, and make available outdoor seating areas.
- Increase the number of dining spaces to allow diners to maintain physical distance. Encourage physical distance and increased spacing.
- If possible, offer multiple meal times in an expanded window in order to decrease the number of diners in the dining area at a time. Clean and disinfect the dining area between meal times.
- Assign seats to diners so they occupy the same seat at each meal.
- Have kitchen staff serve and assemble all food items & condiments onto plate from behind a plexiglass barrier and hand to diner
- Encourage diners to maintain physical distancing between themselves and others while in line for their meals.
- Make stations available for diners to wash their hands with soap and water prior to eating. Station dispensers of alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol at the entrance of the dining facility.
- Leave garbage can lids open in both the kitchen and dining area unless they are equipped with foot-actuated lids.
- An individual's personal water bottle should not be refilled in the kitchen area. While refilling, do not allow the lip of the bottle to touch anything else.
- Post signs reminding diners of the guidelines such as washing hands, maintaining social distance, using assigned seats, etc. Provide these resources in additional languages and in illustrations as needed.
- Remove decorative objects, flyers, and materials from tables and counters to allow for effective cleaning and sanitation.
- Discontinue the use of common beverage dispensers set out on tables. A beverage station will be set up by the coffee pot area. Beverages will be provided by a designated staff person who will be the only person handling all pitchers, pots, and dispensers. The staff person will avoid touching the campers' mugs, cups, and bottles, instead preferring to ask the individual to steady them or move them if necessary.

IN REGARDS TO CANTEEN:

- Only one camper group is allowed to shop the canteen at a time.
- Campers must be advised not to touch canteen items unless they are sure they want to buy them. Campers must be discouraged from handling items and then returning them to the shelf.
- Common surfaces (door knobs, tables, etc..) must be sanitized between camper groups.
- The canteen may not be accessed during meal times.
- When exchanging payment, direct the customer to place payment on the table rather than into the canteen workers hand. Staff are advised to return cards or change to the table rather than placing it directly into the customer's hand.

REGARDING TRANSPORTING CAMPERS TO/FROM CAMP

- Each camper group will be given a different designated drop off & pick up times, to avoid mingling between groups, and to reduce density and physical interaction in the drop off area.
- Camper drivers who are not staying at camp are advised not to leave their vehicles, but to say goodbye to campers while still inside the vehicle. Similarly while picking up campers, drivers are advised not to leave their vehicles, but rather to greet their camper inside their vehicle. Parents are advised not to spend too long saying goodbye, as other camper parents may be waiting to drop their camper off.
- Campers will be instructed to either wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or to use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol upon arrival.
- Campers will receive their health screening outdoors as soon as possible upon arrival. See screening section for further details.
- Upon arrival, campers will receive disinfecting wipes to wipe down their luggage, giving special attention to the handles & other non-porous sections.

REGARDING TRANSPORTING CAMPERS FROM CAMP TO TRAILHEAD

- Camp Amnicon will maintain a roster of qualified, trained staff to fill transportation roles
- Amnicon will instruct transportation employees to self monitor for symptoms associated with COVID-19, and will actively encourage employees to stay home when sick.
- All transportation employees must be screened at the beginning of their shift.
- Transportation employees must wear gloves and an N95 facemask when transporting campers as long as this does not impair their ability to safely operate the vehicle.
- When possible, Amnicon will provide larger vehicles or more vehicles for each group to encourage physical distancing during drives.
- Clean & disinfect each vehicle between use using EPA approved cleaners.
- If possible, Amnicon will provide a clear, impermeable barrier between the driver and the passengers.
- Campers and staff may not ride in camp vehicles if they are sick or experiencing Flu-like symptoms.
- All campers and staff must wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or use an alcohol based hand sanitizer before entering the vehicle.
- Wear a facemask while riding in vehicles.

- When possible, drivers should open vehicle windows or set ventilation systems on high to improve air flow. Conditioned air should not be recirculated.
- If passengers exit/re-enter the vehicle, they should return to their same seat.

REGARDING CAMP ACTIVITIES

- All camp activities should take place outdoors as much as possible.
- Campers should wear a cloth face covering when indoors.
- Camper groups should stay separate from other camper groups during all activities.
- Campers should wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or use an alcohol based hand sanitizer before and after each activity.
- As much as possible, each camper should have their own designated equipment (paddle, PFD, pack, etc...) and not share equipment during the week. Equipment should be cleaned and sanitized before being reassigned to a new camper the next week.
- Efforts to maintain physical distance should not impact existing camp safety protocols, especially in administering of First Aid, CPR, or AED
- Life jackets can be sanitized between camper groups by spraying with an alcohol-based spray. Do not use bleach on life jackets or ropes.
- Commonly touched surfaces on boats should be sanitized between uses (handles, gunwales, seats, etc...)
- Camper groups should be kept small, and be assigned designated guides who will be with them for the whole week during all activities.
- For indoor activities, efforts should be made to allow for physical distancing, and masks should be worn when physical distancing indoors is not feasible. Proper ventilation for indoor activities is important.

REGARDING TENTING

- In the event of an emergency or where there is significant risk of injury, concerns about transmitting Sars-CoV-2 must not interfere with appropriate responsive actions that would typically be taken to mitigate said emergency or significant risk of injury. (For Example: if a camper is experiencing a water emergency, and the lifeguard's training prompts them to approach that camper to perform a rescue, the lifeguard should do that, even though it may bring them "too close" according to physical distancing guidelines.)
- No camper will share a sleeping area or tent with another camper unless all the following conditions are met:
 - Thorough ventilation in the sleeping area is possible
 - Amnicon's general supervision guidelines are observed
 - All campers sharing a single sleeping area or tent maintain a distance between their heads of at least 6 ft, OR are currently members of the same household or living unit at home.
 - (NOTE: this will largely preclude *shared* tenting on Amnicon trips off site except for members of households and families, because none of our tripping tents are large enough to accommodate at least three people, which is required by our supervision standards, with 6ft. between all their

heads, which is required for COVID-19 mitigation. An individual camper may still have their own tent.)

- When sleeping under the stars, campers will keep at least 6 ft between them and the head of the nearest camper, and wherever possible, will keep 6 ft. between them and any part of any other camper.

REGARDING MEALS ON TRAIL

- Guides will do all cooking, serving, and washing of prep and serving dishes, closely adhering to Amnicon Food Safety Trail Standards. Guides may consider washing all camper plates/cups, too, OR may have each camper *one-at-a-time* wash their own plate, cup, and silverware, then the guides will still do the prep and serving dishes. (*This is contrary to our usual preference of involving the campers in this fun and educational part of our wilderness trips. However, in order to exercise greater caution and ensure that cleanliness standards are met for food preparation and sanitization of all dishes and cookware, we feel it is necessary to restrict this activity to “staff-only” for the summer of 2020.*)
- Campers will be instructed in meal-time etiquette, i.e. using hand sanitizer immediately before approaching the serving line, coughing/sneezing away from the food line and covering their cough/sneeze with their elbow, maintaining a 6ft distance from the next person in line, not touching food on the serving line with their fingers, etc....
- Campers will not convene at picnic tables for meals. There is usually only one picnic table at a site, and using it all at the same time would physically bring people too close together. Using picnic tables on trail for meal seating is generally discouraged anyway. This year it is prohibited.

DEVOTIONAL/EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- When selecting activities for devotions, Bible Study, and environmental education, guides will select activities that allow for physical distancing or adapt an activity that would typically be close-proximity.
- Staff will lead sessions outdoors as much as possible. (Everyone gathered in a tent for Bible Study can be fun, but not this year.)
- Campers and staff will refrain from “hanging out” in tents.

NOTE ABOUT CONFLICTING POLICIES:

These standards will supersede all previous Trail Standards that may apply to similar situations. When in doubt about conflicting policies during the summer of 2020, the one that promotes less contact between people is to be preferred due to the risk of spreading COVID-19, except where risk of life or limb is apparent. If a risk to life or limb exists, staff should prefer the policy that is most likely to preserve life and limb.