

Yarmouth Community Services Summer 2020 COVID-19 Guidelines

***This is a living document and is subject to change as more information becomes available and restrictions change. ***

Given the current Federal and State limitations surrounding COVID-19 the following plan is in preparation of restrictions per the State of Maine's re-opening plan Phase 2 anticipated start date of June 1. Under Phase 2, day camps are permitted, following the limit of no more than 50 people gathering, the continued social distancing of 6 feet away whenever possible, and wearing of face coverings when social distancing cannot be obtained. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Stay home if you feel ill. Families of campers, especially those with high-risk individuals, must consider COVID exposure risks and determine if it is safe to send their child to camp.

Locations – Our plan is to have no more than 42 kids per camp to allow for staff, cleaning, delivery, and any other persons needing to access a facility. If the State guidelines allow for more than 50 people within a camp, those numbers may be adjusted. Below is a list of possible camp locations:

- Harrison Middle School
- Yarmouth High School
- 20 Mill Street
- Yarmouth Historical Society
- Camp SOCI
- Yarmouth Community Garden
- YCS Community House

Drop Off/Check-In, Pick-Up/Check-Out – Check-in and check-out will be conducted at outside locations. YCS will require each camper to arrive at camp with a face covering for the check in procedures. Parents/guardians will remain in their vehicles and staff will signal to campers and parents when to come or go. Staff will record the name of the person picking up each camper and may require picture ID for verification purposes. Face coverings must be worn for the check-out process. Please plan extra time for check-in/check-out as these procedures may take longer than it has in the past.

Upon arrival at camp, staff and campers will follow a checklist which includes:

- Arrival temperature is logged and parent/guardian is asked about a checklist of symptoms or signs of COVID-19 (and other viruses):

- Self-screening for the presence of symptoms (fever of 100.0 °F or greater, cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, fatigue, headache, muscle aches, nausea, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, vomiting, skin rashes or abnormalities, etc.) within the past two weeks, or a child displaying purple fingers or toes even as the only symptom.
 - An identified staff from each camp will be responsible for administering health checks. This staff member will review the checklist with each camper and their adult.
- 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.
- Parents/guardians will be advised to put sunscreen on their child before coming to camp
- Campers will receive a bin to store their personal belongings or their belongings will be kept separate.
- Upon arrival, campers will wash their hands before joining the group.

Hand Washing- Hand washing will be the preferred method of sanitizing hands; however, hand sanitizer will be available and used multiple times throughout the day. All campers will be instructed to wash their hands for a minimum of 20 seconds. Staff and campers will be directed to wash their hands upon arrival, at the beginning of each block, after any use of shared equipment, before/after bathroom breaks, and at snack and lunch.

Employee PPE – All staff will be required to follow State guidelines of wearing a face covering while at camp as social distancing cannot be guaranteed. When staff are on a break or in an outdoor space where they are continually not within 6 feet of anyone, they do not need to wear a face covering. Staff will be provided face coverings (3) if they do not have their own. If the face coverings are they must be washed after daily use. Staff will not be required to wear gloves unless performing an activity such as cleaning, health checks, and other similar activities. Staff will be required to follow the Health Checklist for cleaning of hands and are all encouraged to use hand sanitizer as much as possible throughout the day.

Campers PPE – All campers will be required to have a face covering which will be worn at camp at specified times based on rules and circumstances. YCS will require each camper to arrive at camp with a face covering. Additional face coverings will be on hand at camp as needed. Cloth face coverings must be washed daily. Campers will be required to follow the Health Checklist for cleaning of hands and will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer as much as possible throughout the day. Campers will be required to have a water bottle every day; water fountain use will be limited to bottle filling only. Water bottles must be cleaned daily.

Cleaning – A thorough cleaning will be conducted once a day for all indoor locations or outdoor locations with bathrooms. Staff will perform daily cleaning with approved disinfectant and wipes on all major touch points in addition to normal daily cleaning routines (trash, re-stocking paper goods, sweeping/cleaning of the floors, etc.). Each day a staff member will be assigned to clean as their primary duty. Staff will be required to use gloves while cleaning. All efforts will be made to limit shared equipment. Any shared equipment will be sanitized as often as possible and between uses.

Trips and Bussing – If bussing is possible and meets the State guidelines, camp may have limited field trip options. If allowed, camps will likely be limited to local trips.

Staff Training- Staff training is scheduled and will include additional training regarding COVID-19. New protocols and procedures around cleaning and health checks, and any others required will be updated as the summer progresses.

Activity and Equipment –Once a session begins, switching campers to other groups will be restricted. These small groups will each be assigned their own activity equipment bag, as appropriate to the program. To minimize cross contamination, each camper will be provided their own activity kit possible. All items within each group's activity bag will be sanitized between uses. A cleaning checklist will be kept in each activity bag to ensure this step is being followed.

Not all regular camp activities may be appropriate when adhering to best practices to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Program specific activities will be chosen and modified to accommodate the guidelines while ensuring quality camp experiences.

Food, Lines, and Bathrooms – When appropriate, meals and snacks will be directed outside as much as possible with designated group areas and each camper maintaining 6 feet from others. This will allow for their face coverings to be removed while practicing social distancing. If weather moves the program inside for eating, groups will eat in separate areas and campers will be assigned a space that is at least 6 feet from others. Whenever possible, lines will be avoided. For those utilizing the Lunch Crunch program, food will be prebagged and brought to them instead of having campers line up to get their food from staff.

Spots on the floor/ground will be placed 6 feet away for when lines are needed, and head counts are taken. If in a situation where already established spots are not available, staff will be provided with cones/markers to quickly establish spacing. Each group will be assigned a designated bathroom to avoid cross contamination as much as possible. Knowing campers can be very unpredictable with bathroom use, staff will attempt to clean major touch points as much as possible throughout the day.

Playgrounds – YCS and the Town of Yarmouth is waiting on further guidance from Maine CDC and NRPA on how best to include or not include playgrounds in camp activities.

Preventing Cross Contamination – All efforts will be made to keep groups confined to contact within their own groups. Each group will be assigned their own location/area for everyday storage, play, and eating. If a case is confirmed within our camp, the contact will have been limited and easily identified for tracing potential spread of the virus. Normal activities will be adjusted to eliminate the amount of interaction and physical contact within groups. For example, staff will be guided on offering fewer games and activities with close contact.

Procedure if symptoms are shown – Please refer to Yarmouth Community Services' COVID-19 Exposure Plan.