

Reopening Protocol for Day Camps: Appendix K

Recent updates: (Changes highlighted in yellow)

11/28/2020:

- Effective 11/21/2020 at 10:00 p.m. through 12/21/2020 at 5 a.m., Day Camps must cease operations between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. (PST) in compliance with California's Limited Stay at Home Order.
- Day camps with an outbreak (3 or more cases within a 14-day period) must close for 14 days.
- Requirement added to follow DPH guidance on symptom and exposure screening, isolation, quarantine, and reporting outlined in the Day Care for School-Aged Children Protocol. Information added regarding requirements to contact Community Care Licensing Division about emergency childcare waiver from licensure. Information added requiring any Day Camp providing day care for school-aged children at a K-12 school site to file a notification with the Department of Public Health.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health is adopting a staged approach, supported by science and public health expertise, to allow certain venues to safely reopen. The requirements below are specific to Day Camps permitted to be open by the Order of the State Public Health Officer. In addition to the conditions imposed on these specific venues by the Governor, these types of businesses must also be in compliance with the conditions laid out in this Checklist for Day Camps.

Beach camps and surf camps must comply with this day camp protocol and submit the completed protocol checklist to the appropriate beach jurisdiction (city, county or state) in order to be permitted

In compliance with the limited [Stay at Home Order](#) issued by the State Health Officer on November 19, 2020, all Day Camps must cease operations between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. This Order takes effect on November 21, 2020 at 10:00 p.m. and is in force until 5:00 a.m. on December 21, 2020.

Day Camp protocols must also comply with the requirements on symptom and exposure screening, isolation, quarantine, and reporting outlined in the [Day Care for School-Aged Children protocol](#).

Any Day Camp that plans to provide day care for school-aged children and extend their operations beyond the limits of their current childcare license, or beyond the limits of their license-exempt status, must communicate with their Community Care Licensing Regional Office to determine if they are required to secure an emergency waiver from additional licensing requirements. For additional information on childcare waivers see the State's Guidance and FAQs Regarding Waivers for Child Care: [Provider Information Notice \(PIN\) 20-22-CCP](#).

SPECIAL NOTE FOR CAMPS IN K-12 SCHOOL SITES: Day Camps providing any form of day care for school-aged children at a K-12 school site are required by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to complete and file a notification with the department describing the scope of your child care activities and your child care licensure or waiver status. Instructions for completion and a link to the online survey are available [here](#). If you are licensed to provide ECE services and are only serving children in pre-kindergarten age groups and younger, you do NOT need to file this notification. If your program is providing childcare to school-aged children in any setting other than a K-12 school site, you do NOT need to file this notification.

Please note: This document may be updated as additional information and resources become available so be sure to check the LA County website <http://www.ph.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/> regularly for any updates to this document

This checklist covers:

- (1) Workplace policies and practices to protect employee health
- (2) Measures to ensure physical distancing
- (3) Measures to ensure infection control
- (4) Communication with employees and the public
- (5) Measures to ensure equitable access to critical services

These five key areas must be addressed as your facility develops any reopening protocols.

All Day Camps covered by this guidance must implement all applicable measures listed below and be prepared to explain why any measure that is not implemented is not applicable to the Camp.

Day Camp Name:

Facility Address:

**A. WORKPLACE POLICIES AND PRACTICES TO PROTECT EMPLOYEE HEALTH
(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO THE FACILITY)**

- Everyone who can carry out their work duties from home has been directed to do so.
- Vulnerable staff (those above age 65, those with chronic health conditions) are assigned work that can be done from home whenever possible.
- Work processes are reconfigured to the extent possible to increase opportunities for employees to work from home. Consider offering workers, docents, interns, and volunteer staff who request modified duties options that minimize their contact with customers and other employees (e.g., managing inventory rather than working as a cashier or managing administrative needs through telework).
- Alternate, staggered or shift schedules have been instituted to maximize physical distancing.
- All employees (including paid staff, and volunteers; referred to collectively as “employees”) have been told not to come to work if sick, or if they are exposed to a person who has COVID-19. Employees understand to follow DPH guidance for self-isolation and quarantine, if applicable. Workplace leave policies have been reviewed and modified to ensure that employees are not penalized when they stay home due to illness.
- Upon being informed that one or more employees test positive for or has symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (case), the employer has a plan or protocol in place to have the case(s) isolate themselves at home and require the immediate self-quarantine of all employees that had a workplace exposure to the case(s). In addition, if there was an exposure to COVID-19 infection in a classroom or within a cohort at any Day Camp location, all persons present in the classroom or cohort during the period in which the exposure occurred are required to quarantine. The employer’s plan should consider a protocol for all quarantined employees to have access to or be tested for COVID-19 in order to determine whether there have been additional workplace exposures, which may require additional COVID-19 control measures.
- Symptom screenings are conducted before employees may enter the workspace. The site must follow DPH guidance on [Decision Pathways](#) for persons who screen positive for symptoms prior to entry to the workplace or while at the workplace. Screening must include a check-in concerning symptoms consistent with possible COVID-19 infection listed on the Decision Pathway and whether the individual is currently under isolation or quarantine orders. These checks can be done remotely or in person upon the employees’ arrival. A temperature check should also be done at the worksite if feasible.
- Day camps are required to report all COVID-19 exposures among employees and children to the Department of Public Health by completing the [Case and Contact Line List for the Educational Sector](#) within 1 business day of notification of a case. In the event that 3 or more cases are identified within the workplace within a span of 14 days the employer should immediately report this cluster to the Department of Public Health by email at ACDC-Education@ph.lacounty.gov or by phone at (888) 397-3993 or (213) 240-7821.
- Day camps that are determined by the Department of Public Health to have an outbreak (3 or more cases within a span of 14 days) must close for 14 days pursuant to the Temporary Targeted Safer at Home Health Officer Order for Control of COVID-19.
- Employees who have contact with others are offered, at no cost, an appropriate face covering that covers the nose and mouth. The covering is to be worn by the employee at all times during the workday when in contact or likely to come into contact with others. Employees who have been instructed by their medical provider that they should not wear a face covering should wear a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, to be in compliance with State directives, as long as their condition permits it. A drape that is form fitting under the chin is preferred. Masks with one-way valves should not be used. Employees need not wear a face covering when the employee is alone in a private office or a cubicle with a solid partition that exceeds the height of the employee when standing.

- Employees are instructed to wash or replace their face coverings daily.
- Employees are also offered gloves for tasks that require them to handle frequently touched surfaces or for use during symptom screening.
- Employees have been instructed to maintain at least a six (6) feet distance from visitors and from each other in all areas of the Day Camp. Employees may momentarily come closer as necessary to assist children, or as otherwise necessary.
- Restrooms and other common areas are disinfected frequently, on the following schedule:
 - Restrooms _____
 - Other _____
- Disinfectant and related supplies are available to employees at the following location(s):

- Hand sanitizer effective against COVID-19 is available to all employees at the following location(s):

- Employees are reminded to wash their hands frequently.
- A copy of this protocol has been distributed to each employee.
- As much as feasible each worker is assigned their own equipment and have been instructed to avoid sharing phones, tablets, two-way radios, other work supplies, or office equipment wherever possible. They have also been instructed to never share PPE.
- Where items must be shared, they are disinfected with a cleaner appropriate for the surface between shifts or uses, whichever is more frequent, including the following: shared office equipment, such as copiers, fax machines, printers, telephones, keyboards, staplers, staple removers, letter openers, surfaces in reception areas, shared work stations, audio and video equipment, walkie talkies, etc.
- Time is provided for workers to implement cleaning practices during their shift. Cleaning assignments are assigned during working hours as part of the employees' job duties. Modify hours, if necessary, to ensure regular, thorough cleaning, as appropriate. Options for third-party cleaning companies to assist with the increased cleaning demand are procured, as needed.
- Monitor staff absenteeism and have a roster of trained back-up staff where available.
- All policies described in this checklist other than those related to terms of employment are applied to staff of delivery and any other companies who may be on the premises as third parties.
- Optional—Describe other measures:

B. MEASURES TO ENSURE PHYSICAL DISTANCING

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

- Limit the number of persons in the camp to the number appropriate for maintaining physical distancing.
- If transport vehicles (e.g., buses) are used by the camp, drivers should practice all safety actions and protocols as indicated for other staff (e.g., hand hygiene, face coverings, and physical distancing).
- All campers and visitors are wearing face coverings at arrival and departure.
- Minimize contact between camp staff, campers and families at the beginning and end of the day.

- Stagger arrival and drop off-times and locations as consistently as practicable as to minimize scheduling challenges for families.
- Designate routes for entry and exit, using as many entrances as feasible. Put in place other protocols to limit direct contact with others as much as practicable.
- Provide physical guides, such as tape on floors or sidewalks and signs on walls, to ensure that camp staff and campers remain at least 6 feet apart in lines and at other times (e.g., guides for creating “one-way routes” in hallways).
- Open windows and maximize space between campers and the driver on transport vehicles where possible.

RECREATIONAL SPACE

- Campers should remain in the same space and in groups as small and consistent as practicable. Keep the same campers and staff with each group and include campers from the same family in the same group, to the greatest extent practicable. Recommended participant to staff ratios should be 12:1.
- All visitors and campers are required to wear face coverings while at camp, except while swimming, napping, eating/drinking, or engaging in outdoor activities that require heavy exertion. (such as jogging) These heavy exertion activities should be done while maintaining at least 8ft of distance from others). This applies to all adults and to children 2 years of age and older. Only individuals who have been instructed not to wear a face covering by their medical provider are exempt from wearing one. To support the safety of your employees and visitors, a face covering should be made available to visitors who arrive without them.
- Maximize space between seating, desks, and bedding. Consider ways to establish separation of campers through other means, for example, six feet between seats, partitions between seats, markings on floors to promote distancing, arranging seating in a way that minimizes face-to face contact.
- Consider redesigning activities for smaller groups and rearranging furniture and play spaces to maintain separation.
- Staff should develop instructions for maximizing spacing and ways to minimize movement in both indoor and outdoor spaces that are easy for children to understand and are developmentally appropriate.
- Restrict nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving other groups at the same time.
- Restrict communal activities where practicable. If this is not practicable, stagger use, properly space occupants, keep groups as small and consistent and disinfect in between uses.
- Limit group and extracurricular activities to those in which participants and activity leaders can maintain physical distancing and that support proper hand hygiene.
- Use alternative spaces as needed, including regular use of outdoor space, weather permitting. For example, consider ways to maximize outside space, and the use of cafeterias and other spaces for use to permit physical distancing.
- Minimize congregate movement as much as practicable.
- For activities that generate respiratory droplets such as heavy exertion or singing, increase the distance between individuals to 8 feet and try to do these outside.

MEALS

- Have campers bring their own meals as feasible, and practice physical distancing when eating or eat within their smaller group, instead of in a communal dining hall or cafeteria. Ensure the safety of children with food allergies.
- Use disposable food service items (e.g., utensils and plates). If disposable items are not feasible, ensure that all non-disposable food service items are handled with gloves and washed with dish soap and hot

water or in a dishwasher. Individuals should wash their hands after removing their gloves or after directly handling used food service items.

- If food is offered at any event, have pre-packaged boxes or bags for each attendee instead of a buffet or family-style meal. Avoid sharing of foods and utensils.

C. MEASURES FOR INFECTION CONTROL

- Ensure all camp staff and families are aware of enhanced sanitation practices, physical distancing guidelines and their importance, proper use, removal and washing of cloth face coverings, screening practices and COVID-19 specific exclusion criteria.
- Designate a staff person (e.g., camp nurse or healthcare provider) to be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns. All camp staff and families should know who this person is and how to contact them. This individual should be trained to coordinate the documentation and tracking of possible exposures, in order to notify local health officials of all COVID-19 cases at the site within **1 business day of being notified of a case.**
- For areas with a large geographic distribution, consider restricting attendance to campers who live in the local geographic area and ask campers to avoid movement between camps.
- Ensure adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors, including soap, tissues, no-touch trashcans and hand sanitizers with at least 60 percent ethyl alcohol for staff and those campers who can safely use hand sanitizer.
- Teach campers the following personal protective measures
 - Washing hands regularly before and after eating; after coughing or sneezing; after being outside; and after using the restroom.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
 - Cover coughs and sneezes
 - Use a tissue to wipe your nose and cough/sneeze inside a tissue or your elbow.
- Consider routines enabling camp staff and campers to regularly wash their hands at staggered intervals.
- Campers and staff should wash their hands for 20 seconds with soap, rubbing thoroughly after application, and use paper towels (or single use cloth towels) to dry hands thoroughly.
- Staff should model and practice handwashing. For example, for younger campers, use bathroom time as an opportunity to reinforce healthy habits and monitor proper handwashing.
- Campers and staff should use hand sanitizer when handwashing is not practicable. Sanitizer must be rubbed into hands until completely dry. Note: frequent handwashing is more effective than the use of hand sanitizers, especially when hands are visibly dirty
- Children under age 9 should use hand sanitizer under adult supervision. Call Poison Control if consumed: 1-800-222-1222. Ethyl alcohol-based hand sanitizers are preferred and should be used when there is the potential of unsupervised use by children. Isopropyl hand sanitizers are more toxic and can be absorbed through the skin.
- Consider portable handwashing stations throughout the site to minimize movement and congregation in bathrooms to the extent possible.
- Campers should be encouraged to use face coverings. Information should be provided to all camp staff and campers on proper use, removal and washing of cloth face coverings.

- Consider suspending use of drinking fountains and instead encourage the use of reusable water bottles.
- Frequently touched surfaces such as door handles, light switches, sink handles, bathroom surfaces, tables as well as surfaces in transportation vehicles should be cleaned at least daily and more frequently throughout the day if possible.
- Limit use of shared playground equipment in favor of physical activities that require less contact with surfaces.
- Limit sharing of objects and equipment, such as toys, games and art supplies, otherwise clean and disinfect between uses.
- When choosing cleaning products, use those approved for use against COVID-19 on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-approved list “N” and follow product instructions. These products contain ingredients which are safer for individuals with asthma
- Use disinfectants labeled to be effective against emerging viral pathogens, following label directions for appropriate dilution rates and contact times. Provide employees training on the hazards of the chemicals, manufacturer’s directions, and Cal/OSHA requirements for safe use.
- Custodial staff with the responsibility of cleaning and disinfecting the site must be equipped with proper protective equipment, including gloves, eye protection, respiratory protection, and other appropriate protective equipment as required by the product instructions. All products must be kept out of children’s reach and stored in a space with restricted access.
- When cleaning, air out the space before campers arrive; plan to do thorough cleanings when campers are not present. If using air conditioning, use the setting that brings in fresh air. Replace and check air filters and filtration systems to ensure optimal air quality.
- If opening windows poses a safety or health, consider alternate strategies for improving air flow such as maximizing central air filtration for HVAC systems (targeted filter rating of at least MERV 13).
- Take steps to ensure that all water systems and features (for example, drinking fountains, decorative fountains) are safe to use after a prolonged facility shutdown to minimize the risk of infections such as Legionnaires’ disease

SCREEN CAMPERS

- Train staff and educate campers and their families about when they should stay home and when they can return to camp. Actively encourage staff and campers who are sick or who have recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19 to stay home.
- In addition to screening staff when they arrive, all campers should also be screened upon arrival at the facility
 - Consider conducting visual wellness checks of all campers upon arrival; this could include taking campers’ temperatures at the beginning of each day with a no touch thermometer. If no touch thermometers are not available, reported temperature assessment is acceptable.
 - The facility is required to follow DPH guidance on Decision Pathways for persons who screen positive for symptoms prior to entry to the facility. Ask all individuals about COVID-19 symptoms within the last 24 hours and whether anyone in their home has had a COVID-19 positive test. Symptom checks are conducted before visitors may enter the facility. Checks must include a check-in concerning symptoms consistent with possible COVID-19 infection listed on the Decision Pathway. These checks can be done in person or through alternative methods such as on-line check in systems or through signage posted at the entrance to the facility stating that visitors with these symptoms should not enter the premises.
- Exclude any child, parent, caregiver or staff showing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 infection.

- Monitor staff and campers throughout the day for signs of illness; send home campers and staff with **symptoms consistent with COVID-19 infection**. Send persons to the appropriate medical facility rather than their home if necessary.

IF STAFF OR CAMPERS BECOMES ILL

- Identify an isolation room or area to separate anyone who exhibits symptoms of COVID-19.
- Ensure they are wearing a face covering or surgical mask if they are over the age of 2 and do not have problems putting on or removing the mask or have issues breathing with the mask on.
- The campers or staff exhibiting symptoms should remain in the isolation room until they can be transported home or to a healthcare facility, as soon as practicable.
- Establish procedures for safely transporting anyone sick to their home or to a healthcare facility, as appropriate. Call 9-1-1 without delay if the individual develops persistent pain or pressure in the chest, confusion, or bluish lips or face.
- Advise sick staff members and campers not to return until they have met **the** criteria to **return to the camp site as outlined in the [Decision Pathways](#) for symptomatic persons**.
- Advise contacts to the ill individual to stay at home **until they have met the criteria to return to the facility as outlined in the [Decision Pathways](#) for contacts of a potentially infected child or employee**.
- Upon being informed that a staff member or child tests positive for COVID-19, the facility is required to instruct the infected person to isolate themselves at home and instruct all persons exposed to the infected person to quarantine. At this time, if the exposure happened in a classroom or cohort, all staff and children that were in the classroom or cohort during the infectious period are considered exposed. See public health guidance on isolation (<http://ph.lacounty.gov/covidisolation>) and quarantine (<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/covidquarantine/>) for additional details.
- Facilities are required to report all COVID-19 exposures at the facility among staff members and children to the Department of Public Health by completing the [Case and Contact Line List for the Educational Sector](#) within 1 business day of notification of a case. In the event that 3 or more positive COVID-19 cases are identified **in a 14-day period, immediately** notify local health officials, staff, and all families immediately while maintaining confidentiality as required by state and federal laws.
- Day camps that are determined by the Department of Public Health to have an outbreak (3 or more cases within a span of 14 days) must close for 14 days pursuant to the Temporary Targeted Safer at Home Health Officer Order for Control of COVID-19.
- Close off areas used by any sick person and do not use before cleaning and disinfection. If possible, wait 24 hours or as long as possible before cleaning and disinfecting the area.
- Ensure a safe and correct application of disinfectants using personal protective equipment and ventilation recommended for cleaning. Keep cleaning and disinfectant products away from children.
- In consultation with the local public health department, the appropriate camp official may consider if closure is warranted and length of time based on the risk level within the specific community

LIMIT SHARING

- Keep each camper's belongings separated and in individually labeled storage containers, cubbies or areas. Ensure belongings are taken home each day to be cleaned and disinfected.
- Ensure adequate supplies to minimize sharing of high-touch materials (art supplies, equipment, etc.) to the extent practicable or limit use of supplies and equipment to one group of children at a time and clean and disinfect between uses.
- Avoid sharing electronic devices, clothing, toys, books, and other games or learning aids as much as practicable.

D. MEASURES THAT COMMUNICATE TO THE PUBLIC

- Maintain communication systems that allow staff and families to self-report symptoms and receive prompt notifications of exposures and closures, while maintaining confidentiality.
- A copy of this protocol is posted at all public entrances to the facility.
- Signs are displayed throughout that remind instructors and campers of the need for physical distancing and the use of face coverings.
- Signs are posted that instruct visitors that they should stay home if sick with respiratory symptoms.
- Online outlets of the establishment (website, social media etc.) provide clear information about physical distancing, use of face coverings and other issues.

E. MEASURES THAT ENSURE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO CRITICAL SERVICES

- Services that are critical to the campers have been prioritized.
- Measures are instituted to assure services for campers who have mobility limitations and/or are at high risk in public spaces.

Any additional measures not included above should be listed on separate pages, which the business should attach to this document.

You may contact the following person with any questions or comments about this protocol:

Business Contact Name:

Phone Number:

Date Last Revised:
