

COVID-19 Response & FAQs

We are closely monitoring and following guidance from the CDC, Washtenaw County Health, Department of Human Services, Department of Public Health, and the American Camping Association.

Tentative camp start date

Summer Camp will begin on June 14th unless conditions change.

What is Explorer Club Doing?

In accordance with guidance from the CDC, Washtenaw County Health and Human Services Agency, Michigan Department of Public Health, and the American Camping Association, we will be implementing required pre-camp and arrival day screening.

Over the past year we have taken proactive precautionary measures to protect our team members, our customers, and our communities from exposures to COVID-19; I am confident in our ability to meet the new requirements.

- Please feel free to approach us with any suggestions that may help our camp succeed this summer.
- Health Screening practices will begin before camp starts; Parents will not be allowed to enter building.
- Educate our team members to practice social distancing as much as possible at camp, schedule fieldtrips that allow us to rent entire facilities or host our own special activities in house.
- Move all check in and out procedures to non-touch digital signatures
- Advised our camp staff to support our customers by phone, video calls, and other digital channels when appropriate
- Paused classroom-based instructor-led staff training in lieu of digital training courses
- Restricted camp travel and meetings
- Strategically limited visits to our facilities from vendors and suppliers
- Beyond our daily cleaning efforts, you can expect to see our staff cleaning frequently touched surfaces more often, throughout the facility.
- Provide more Water & hand sanitization areas and scheduled handwashing times throughout the day for campers. More activities will take place outdoors.
- Make sure to send campers with the appropriate items to enable them to enjoy their day.
- Extra clothes, towel, hat, sack lunch, w/drink, sunscreen, and bug repellent.
- A camper or staff member who has been in close contact with a person with a laboratory-confirmed case of 2019 novel coronavirus over past two weeks will be excluded from camp until cleared by the local public health department.

- All symptoms in each scenario below that last more than 48 hrs., will be required to have a negative corona virus test prior to returning to camp.
- All children and staff members with respiratory symptoms or fever (>100 F / >37.8 C) should remain home (from camp and other activities) until they had no fever for 48 hours, without fever medication and respiratory symptoms are gone. If respiratory symptoms are not completely gone but they are improving 15 days one has passed since onset of illness, the camper can return to camp.
- Campers and staff members who present at Camp with fever and/or symptoms of a respiratory infection will be sent home.
- Campers who typically have coughs from underlying, known diseases (like asthma, allergies) may remain if there is no new symptoms and the action is controllable by the camper alone.
 - ***Example: (A 5-year-old who has an excessive runny nose and is not capable of containing the discharge on their own.)***
- Until the person leaves camp, we may place a surgical mask on that camper or staff member if available and if tolerated.
- If possible, we will keep that person isolated (campers must still be visible and supervised by a staff member); otherwise we will try to keep a 3 to 6-foot distance between that camper (or staff member) and others.
- Persons excluded from camp or work for fever may return to camp when; (a) they have been free of fever for at least 48 hours (without the use of fever reducing medications). In addition, (b) all respiratory symptoms must be fully resolved OR 14 days have passed since the onset of symptoms and the individual's symptoms have been improving (whichever is earlier).
- We will be excluding campers and staff members who have a travel history over the course of the last 14 days to an area identified by the CDC as Level 3 Travel Health Notice. This list can be found at: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices>
- These individuals will be excluded from camp for 14 days, beginning the day they departed that country.
- Healthy members of a household who did not travel, but where someone else from that household returned from CDC Level 3 country (<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices>) are not required to stay away from camp as long as all members of that household are healthy (i.e., no new respiratory symptoms and no fever).
- Campers and staff members who have visited one of these countries within the past two weeks should be advised to call their doctors for instructions if they have fever or symptoms of respiratory infection.
- Campers will not be excluded from camp or any camp activities based on race or country of origin.
- If any camper or staff member at camp is suspected to have the virus (i.e., becomes a County Health Department "patient under investigation"; or "PUI") for COVID-19, the

camp will work with public health authorities who will collaborate with that camper's or staff member's own physician to guide further restrictions and public notifications.

- As a reminder, all camper and staff health information are confidential and cannot be shared with other campers or with camp staff. Confidential health information can be shared only with Camp health team leaders and with the County Public Health Department.
- Campers and Staff with underlying health conditions that make them vulnerable for serious disease if infected with the COVID-19 virus should confer with their own doctors on Camp attendance.
- Parents of children without such conditions may decide to keep their child at home. Parents' decision should be honored during this period when social distancing is being enforced.
- **Wearing of masks in public/camp is recommended by the CDC and by our local public health department. It will be mandatory in camps. Campers, Parents, visitors or staff who do not follow safety protocols will not be allowed in camp.**

We will continually update our policy as additional COVID-19 guidance is provided. Camp cancellations will be made in accordance with guidelines from public health authorities, coupled with other considerations. We will follow all directives to reduce exposure at Camp and continue to update you if the public health department decides on: quarantines, Camp closures, and/or exclusion policies.

Current Understanding of Virus

- Symptoms most commonly include fever with cough or shortness of breath; Some people have fewer or no symptoms at all. Headache, sore throat, and runny nose also occur with this virus.
- Children may also present with no fever, mild diarrhea and vomiting. They have fewer symptoms and problems. Spread is most likely from droplets (cough and sneezing)
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) considers this a serious public health threat, people carrying the virus, but have no symptoms, can spread the virus to others.
- Symptoms of COVID-19 may appear in as few as 2 days, or as long as 14 days, after exposure.
- Most people with this infection will recover on their own. There is no specific treatment for novel coronavirus infection yet. For patients who are more severely ill, hospitals can provide supportive care.

Basic Prevention of Virus Spread

- Make sure all family members are up to date with their flu shots.
- Promote basic hygiene:

- Any coughing or sneezing should be directed into one's sleeve (inside elbow), rather than into hands or the air. Avoid rubbing your own eyes, nose and mouth.
- Wash hands after using and handling used tissues, after blowing nose, before/after eating, and after toilet use, after physical interactions.
- Wash for 20 seconds with soap, rub between fingers and under nails; and then rinse and dry. The use alcohol (60%+) hand gel will be available as well.
- We will not share utensils, cups etc. Encourage your camper not to share items they have touched and please stay home when sick.

The Future

No one could have ever projected our current reality. As Explorer Club programs have been on and off per CDC requirements this year, our staff will continue to do everything we can to support our youth and securing the future of our organization during this crisis. (Check out our new School Age program Chat and chill).

Right now, some of our families are facing a financial gap due to canceled employment. If you are so inclined and, in a position, to help Explorer Club and these families navigate through this period of uncertainty and remain strong throughout the pandemic, please consider supporting us through a donation. We understand this might not be feasible for all households and may cause hardship.

We appreciate your support of Explorer Club and your understanding during this time. We hopefully will return soon to make a difference for the youth in our community

RESOURCES

CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) Coronavirus Info
Coronavirus in Washtenaw: Case Tracking
Michigan Department of Public Health Info