

## **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 Michigan Department of Education. (LARA)

### **Notice to our Families**

The safety and health of our children and staff is always our highest priority. Due to continued directives from Washtenaw County Health and Michigan Department of Public Health we have made modification to our programs and may in the future add additional if it is in everyone's best interest.

### **What is It's A Small World and The 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 several weeks we have taken proactive precautionary measures to protect our staff, our families and our community from exposures to COVID-19; we are confident that together we can continue a modified program that maximizes health and safety.

- Please feel free to approach us with any suggestions that may help our camp succeed this summer.
- Health Screenings completed for each child and staff before entering the building each day.\
- Parents will not be allowed to enter building while children are in attendance until further notice.
- Educated our team members to practice social distancing when possible.
- Masks must accompany each staff and child 3 and over. To be worn when needed however not while outside or in the gym.
- Move all check in and out procedures to non-touch digital signatures
- Teachers to support our families via phone, Brightwheel messaging video calls, and other digital channels when appropriate
- 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.
- Parents encouraged to send in extra supplies to ensure coverage. ISW will not be able to supply extras.
- Extra clothes, towel, hat, sack lunch, w/drink, sunscreen, and bug repellent.

- Staff members who have been in close contact with a person with a laboratory-confirmed case of 2019 novel coronavirus over the past two weeks will be excluded from the center until they test negative and show no symptoms.
- 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 care 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 a doctor note indicating reason for persistent symptoms and authorization to return. ( ex: stated allergies and symptoms.)
- Children and staff members who present at care with fever and/or symptoms of a respiratory infection will be sent home.
- Children 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.
- If possible, we will keep that person isolated (children 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 care 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 children 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 care as long as all members of that household are healthy (i.e., no new respiratory symptoms and no fever).
- Children 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.
- Children and staff will not be excluded from care or any activities based on race or country of origin.
- If any children or staff member is suspected to have the virus (i.e., becomes a County Health Department "patient under investigation"; or "PUI") for COVID-19, the center

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

- As a reminder, all children and staff health information are confidential and cannot be shared with other families or with teachers. Confidential health information can be shared only with Camp health team leaders and with the County Public Health Department.
- Children and Staff with underlying (baseline) health conditions that make them vulnerable for serious disease if infected with the COVID-19 virus should confer with their own doctors on attendance.
- Parents of children without such conditions may decide to keep their child at home.
- **Wearing of masks for staff, parents and children over 2 is recommended by the CDC and by our local public health department. It will be mandatory in our center for parents, children and staff to have their masks with them if in attendance. Children will not wear their masks while gym/large motor time and outside.** We will continually update our policy as additional COVID-19 guidance is provided. Center 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 child care and continue to update you if the public health department decides on: quarantines, closures, and/or exclusion policies.

### **Current Understanding of Virus**

- Symptoms most commonly include fever with cough or shortness of breath, fever, loss of taste/smell; 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 It's A Small World and The Explorer Club programs temporarily close, our staff will be doing everything we can to support our children and securing the future of our organization during this crisis.

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 It's A Small World / Explorer Club and these families navigate through this period of uncertainty and remain strong throughout the pandemic, please consider supporting us through a donation via our GOFUNDME> We understand this might not be feasible for all households

We appreciate your support of It's A Small World and Explorer Club and your understanding during this time.

## **RESOURCES**

CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) Coronavirus Info

Coronavirus in Washtenaw: Case Tracking

Michigan Department of Public Health Info

Michigan Department of Education