



Safety Initiative for Day Camp

Since 1997 Camp Timberline has existed to reach and strengthen kids for Christ through sports and mountain adventure. Our purpose is no different in 2021. Even though Day Camp's daily operation may look different this summer, the feel of camp and our intentional care for your children will stay the same. Thus, in order to continue safe, individual care for your children, we have created this Safety Initiative, both operationally and medically, to ensure that Day Camp is conducted in the best possible way in response to COVID-19.

Before sending your child to Camp Timberline, you acknowledge that your child is attending under the conditions which follow and are subject to abrupt change at any time. Camp Timberline cannot promise or guarantee that COVID-19 or any other pathogen will not enter camp. By the very nature of the personal interaction that takes place in the camp environment, there is always a risk of your child becoming ill with this or any other communicable disease.

Safety Initiative Guidelines:

Federal and State Health Guidance: We will continue to rely on expert guidance for COVID-19 provided by CDC resources, the Environmental Health and Engineering (EHE) Guidebook, the American Camping Association (ACA), the Association of Camp Nursing (ACN), as well as our state and local health department guidelines, with the goal of providing a safe and fun environment for campers and staff. Doing so will allow us to customize practical steps to help prevent the entry of COVID-19 and limit the impact on campers and staff if entry occurs. Since each church partner is located in a different county with individual county guidelines, **all strategies and protocols will be reviewed and evaluated in accordance with those specific guidelines. We will update and adapt these guidelines for each location as new information becomes available and provide a link for each church partner on our Day Camp website.** Thank you for your patience and understanding as we diligently work to bring you a fun-filled week of Outta Bounds while operating under a unique logistical aspect of this ministry!

Camper Pre-Screening:

- To provide safe entry and minimize exposure at Day Camp, we ask all campers to keep interactions to a minimum 7 days prior to arrival. We recognize this may be difficult but appreciate whatever efforts can be made to decrease exposure for a safer camp.
- Parents/Guardians will need to monitor for symptoms and/or exposure, together with completing an online 7-Day Screening form answering questions about your child's health.
- Families will also need to monitor and answer a symptom checklist for each child attending Day Camp when they arrive each day.
- Parents/guardians must keep child(ren) home if symptoms and/or exposure are present and commit to rescheduling the camper's session instead of bringing their child(ren) to camp.

Our staff will conduct a temperature check upon arrival each day and if there are symptoms present, the camper will be isolated by a medical staff member and the camper will be asked to return home and reschedule to attend a different session pending availability. The camper will need to follow the Safe Re-Entry to Camp policy below to return to camp.

Staff Screening: We believe in our ability to provide safe and knowledgeable staff for your child(ren). Although guidelines for testing and vaccines are changing rapidly, we plan to isolate staff in small groups during staff training, test them for COVID-19 prior to arrival, and test staff weekly throughout the summer. Staff will also work within their cohort groups, practice social distancing and mask wearing when outside cohort groups, as well as reside in isolated housing to reduce the risk of exposure during camper sessions.

Opening and Closing Days, Daily Check-In and Pick-Up: Our efforts to keep your child safe include minimizing contact with anyone outside of the camp community. Although we understand the importance to both you and your child with our Opening Day traditions and Closing Day Ceremony, the safety of the camp community must come first. Regardless of any potential program adjustments, we will make sure your child(ren) feel welcome and comfortable, as well as personally escort them to their cabin group and help them with their belongings. Current guidelines dictate that our Closing Ceremony will only be for the campers. If individual county/church guidelines change, we will alert you to any modifications for families to attend this special event!

During check-in each morning, we are asking parents/guardians to adhere to social distancing guidelines and state mandated mask requirements. Please allow extra time for daily health screenings and temperature checks. Staggered arrival times may be scheduled to provide an efficient flow of traffic. We will confirm this process prior to your arrival.

During pick-up each afternoon, we are asking parents/guardians to adhere to social distancing guidelines and state mandated mask requirements. Pending Covid guideline status, we will communicate if pick-up will be inside or outside. For either scenario, we will release your child after the security card has been provided and the child has been signed out. If you forget your security card, we will issue a new one if the adult is listed on the Permission for Pick-Up form.

Safety During Session: As part of our efforts, in partnership with county guidelines, to provide a safe environment and make activity modifications your child(ren) will enjoy, campers will be assigned to small cabin groups that will operate in cohorts by doing lunch, activities, and programming with their group. Please note that each church and county have different policies on mask requirements and we will update you on your specific church location's policy prior to arrival via email and on our website. Regardless of church location/county, our staff will continue to wear masks and cohorts will continue to practice social distancing when other cohorts are present. Large group gatherings for programs and games indoors/outdoors may take place if we are able to implement appropriate social distancing between groups and if restrictions have been lifted in that county/church. We will also practice regular hand washing with our cabins and utilize sanitizing stations provided throughout camp. We will make this part of our daily routine and sing songs or do cheers to make it fun! The Day Camp activity area will also be sanitized throughout the day, making an extra effort to clean shared spaces and commonly touched surfaces. Staff will also be equipped with health standards and ways to monitor campers for symptoms and promote healthy behaviors.

Quarantine Provisions: If a child exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 or other communicable disease during a camp session, the camper will be sent to the health tent for evaluation. Necessary determinations will be made at that time on quarantining or being sent home. If a camper tests positive for COVID-19 or another communicable disease during a camp session, the small group/cohort and parents will be notified immediately and sent home to quarantine as recommended by our medical staff and the county health department. If additional small groups/cohorts display symptoms, necessary determinations will be made on quarantining other campers and/or staff members, including the potential cancellation of a camp session. Parents/guardians will be contacted to make immediate arrangements to pick up their child with options for rescheduling another session under the Safe Re-Entry to Camp policy below.

Safe Re-Entry to Camp: If a camper is sent home to quarantine, he/she may return for a different session during the current summer pending availability and the following criteria are true:

- It has been 10 days since symptoms first appeared and
- 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and
- Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving

Proof of test results may be requested from the camper as well.



Outta Bounds Day Camp Illness Prevention & Health Policy

Camp Timberline is dedicated to keeping our campers and staff as healthy as possible while they are on camp property. As such, we continue to take a proactive stance on all communicable and influenza-like illnesses. In accordance with CDC resources, the Environmental Health and Engineering (EHE) Guidebook, the American Camping Association (ACA), the Association of Camp Nursing (ACN), as well as our state and local health department guidelines, the following procedures have been put in place to minimize the spread of illness and are subject to change as more information becomes available.

- Each camper is pre-screened with an online 7-Day Health form that will be evaluated by our health staff. Upon arrival, campers will receive a temperature reading along with a 24-Hour Health Screening form to address current symptoms, exposure, and medication.
- If a camper has any of the symptoms below, the camper will be immediately isolated at the health tent by the Director and a parent/guardian will be contacted to pick up their child for further evaluation:
 - a. temperature above 100° **or**
 - b. cough and/or shortness of breath **or**
 - c. Loss of taste or smell **or**
 - d. GI Issues (nausea/vomiting/diarrhea)
- If a camper has any of the symptoms below, the camper will be evaluated by the Director, deferring to the most current county health department guidelines to determine the appropriate next steps:
 - a. Runny nose **or**
 - b. Headache **or**
 - c. Does not feel well (achy/fatigue) **or**
 - d. Sore throat
- If a camper is sent home to quarantine, he/she may return for a different session during the current summer pending availability and the Safe Re-Entry to Camp policy is followed.
- Camp will follow county guidelines in regard to contact tracing and exposure within a cabin group/cohort.
- Campers are monitored by their counselors throughout the week for any exposure, along with a daily temperature check.
- Staff are educated on the importance of hand washing and guide their campers in this effort during meals and cabin time.
- Alcohol based hand cleaner is used before every meal, as well as soap in each bathroom.
- Tissues are provided in the common areas of camp and in each bathroom.
- The common camp areas will be cleaned and sanitized regularly by our staff.

Ultimately, our biggest goal is for the entire camper group to have an incredible experience at camp. We do not want any camper missing Day Camp activities but hope they recover in the comfort of their own home so as to protect the group and the camper individually. We are constantly asking, "What is best for your child's experience and the camper group as a whole?"

Agency Connections:

National: Center for Disease Control & Prevention - www.cdc.gov and American Camp Association - www.acacamps.org

State: Colorado Department of Public Health - www.cdphe.state.co.us/

Local: Larimer County Department of Public Health - www.larimer.org/health/