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Subject: Health Department Guidance 6-22-2021

Dear Purchase Day Camp Parents,

As you know, we received several versions of guidance from the Department of Health (DOH) before Governor Cuomo lifted all New York State restrictions. However, when he did so, he referenced CDC guidelines which are not requirements but recommendations. I have spoken with our inspector and they have not gotten any clarification from New York State.

Therefore, we are going to implement the following policies based on the most recent guidance as well as input from the New York State Camp Director's Association and the Department of Health.

Masks

Our mask policy will be as follows:

- We encourage but do not require that campers wear a mask at any time, indoors or outdoors, regardless of vaccination status. We will work with parents who want their child to continue to wear a mask. Please speak with your child's counselor if you want your child to wear a mask at any time.
- Fully vaccinated staff are not required to wear masks at any time indoors or outdoors.
- Unvaccinated staff are required to wear a mask indoors and outdoors except when eating or at the pool.

The following special circumstances alter the rules above:

Extended Hours & Bus Transportation

- All Campers and Staff at Extended Hours or on the Bus will be required to wear masks at all times.

Rainy days are a concern as well. We have contracted to install three additional large tents on the grounds and purchased additional picnic tables which will create covered outdoor space in case of rain. Obviously, if there is a torrential downpour, we will come inside our building. If that happens and the entire camp must be indoors, masks will be required.

We have a significant supply of masks for Extended Hours and Rainy Days. Our Bus Monitors also have a supply of masks available. If you wish to send your own mask, feel free to do so however, we have an ample supply.

Cohort Size

Cohort sizes no longer exist. The DOH had previously determined that the maximum cohort size will be 36. We had previously chosen to limit cohorts to half that or 18 campers. Then we could allow a group to pair with their "sister" or "brother" group for situations that require larger cohorts like rainy days, special events, etc. We will still follow that procedure however we are considering the possibility of reinstating our large group activities like special events or rainy days. A final decision has not been made on that topic yet and we are waiting to gather more information from the DOH.

For now, we will stay with the example I previously gave: the kindergarten boys and kindergarten girls will sometimes get together for outdoor sports or at the pool or group of the week. The kindergarten boys will not mix with any other group than the kindergarten girls.

This does not come without some risk. If the two groups play together on Wednesday and someone in one group shows Covid symptoms on Thursday, then both groups would be quarantined. That is why we will use this sparingly and will keep the groups on their own schedule most of the time until we get more information from the DOH.

Arrival

Daily screening is no longer required. However, each parent was required to sign an Attestation Form which states that if your child has a fever or is displaying any symptoms, you will A) Keep them home and B) Inform us of their condition. We require all parents to abide by that agreement.

Visitors

Visitors will NOT be permitted at camp this summer. We are sad that our typical open visiting policy is not possible this year. We are proud of what we do and love having parents on the grounds. However, this is a unique situation and we are limiting the number of people on the grounds at any time.

Final Thoughts

Although we have been managing Covid for over a year, Covid at camp is new to all of us. We expect that we will make protocol changes in season as we see how the systems work. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding. If you have any questions, please email us at camp@purchasehouse.com.

We are all excited to be back at camp. We look forward to seeing you and your camper very soon.