



Jo-Ota Methodist Association

COVID-19 and other Communicable Disease Procedures

After reviewing recommendations from the State of Missouri, ACA, ACN, and collaborating with our camp directors and local health department, Camp Jo-Ota has developed a plan for responding to COVID-19 and other Communicable Diseases. This plan is subject to change as we learn more information and receive more guidance from other professionals.

We have broken down our policies into Pre-arrival and at Camp. Our COVID-19 waiver outlines what we expect families to understand and acknowledge prior to their child's attendance at Camp Jo-Ota for the summer of 2020.

At any time prior to the start of your camper's session the camp could be cancelled due to the fluid situation of COVID-19. Camp Jo-Ota will do what we think is best for your camper and staff.

The safety and health of your camper is our highest priority. The choice for your child to attend camp at Camp Jo-Ota is a personal one, and you are in control. If you are uncomfortable with the risks of COVID-19 or other communicable diseases in a summer camp setting, having to travel to our location, or having your child interact with our staff and other campers, we have other options available to you, including a full refund or moving your child's term to Summer 2021.

Prior to Arrival at Camp

1. Parents are asked to review this COVID-19 Policy and to sign a COVID-19 Waiver prior to their child's arrival at camp (see last page). The waiver has been added to the required paperwork section online.
2. It is advised that campers with underlying health issues and at greater risk of complications due to COVID-19 obtain a letter from their physician giving approval for camp attendance.

3. Campers and staff members are required to do a pre-screening (with the assistance of parents/guardians). This form is available on our Camp Jo-Ota website and will be emailed to the email address under your campers' registration at minimum 15 days prior to the start of their camp session. Offering pre-screening before campers and staff head to camp will give insight into each individual's health status prior to arrival. They should self-monitor for 14 days and conduct pre-screening activities such as:

- Taking and recording their own temperature for 14 days before camp (refer to the individual instructions provided with the thermometer)
- Self-screening for the presence of symptoms (fever of 100.4 °F or greater, cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, fatigue, headache, muscle aches, nausea, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, vomiting, etc.) within the past two weeks
- Determining if, within the past two weeks, the individual has traveled nationally or internationally
- Determining if the individual has been in close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with, tested for, or quarantined as a result of COVID-19

Please Note:

These requirements are necessary for any parent/guardian attending any parent/child camps.

* All staff will have agreed to the same Pre-camp requirements as our camper families.

* During staff training our summer staff will be learning and practicing the same physical distancing and sanitation techniques that will be utilized during every camp session.

Upon Arrival/Check-In

We ask that one parent/guardian be present at the time of **check-in**. We will allow other responsible parties designated in advance by a parent/guardian to pick up campers at the time of **check-out**.

1. We will check the temperatures of every staff, camper, and family member who enters camp on both check-in and check-out days. This will be done **using a non-contact thermometer** before leaving any vehicles. Campers will not be able to attend camp if they, or anyone within their vehicle, has a fever.
2. We are expecting the check-in process to be very similar to past years. However, we are asking everyone to maintain physical distancing between families during the check-in process. Physical distancing between campers on check-in and check-out day is at the discretion of each camper's parent(s).
3. A pre-liminary check-in will be conducted at Vancil Shelter where the pre-screening form and waiver will be collected, along with a few questions asked about your camper's health.
4. An initial health screening will then take place while still outdoors at Vancil Shelter. The initial health screening will be similar to those considered during the pre-screening process. The results of this initial health screening will determine if an individual is permitted to enter camp.
5. If the decision to allow the camper to attend camp is favorable, they will be allowed to enter the Dining Hall and proceed with the remaining part of check-in such as receiving their camp t-shirt, providing any payment necessary to the camp for camper fees, and turning in any camper medications. This will be the time to meet with the event director as well to receive any event specific instructions for your time at camp.

Physical Distancing

Taking into consideration the spontaneous nature of campers, the physical spaces at camp, and specific activity requirements, we don't believe that social distancing, as we have come to know it in America, is possible at camp. However, we are prepared to encourage, teach, and ensure greater physical distancing whenever it is appropriate.

1. Campers will be encouraged to keep 6-feet between themselves and all campers, counselors, and staff who do NOT live in their cabin.
2. Chairs within the dining hall and at activity locations will be arranged to provide greater space between people.
3. Please note, there will be times when campers just need to give a pat on the back, a high five, or a congratulatory hug.

Face Masks

Face mask will not be required by our campers. Fresh air is the key to all activities. As much activity as possible will be scheduled to take place outdoors with the exception of mealtime and indoor worship. For the safety and health of our campers it would not be appropriate for campers to wear a face mask during mealtimes, outdoor activity, and/or during worship. Campers are welcome to bring their own face mask from home but are expected to wear them appropriately.

Dining Hall

1. Campers will enter the dining hall with their cabin group.
2. Everyone will wash their hands as they enter the dining hall.
3. All tables, counters, and regularly touched surfaces will be disinfected after every meal.
4. Bathrooms in the dining hall will be cleaned after every meal shift.

Temperature Checks

Camp offers a well equipped medical room with multiple options for isolating sick campers. Unfortunately, camp is not prepared to house campers or staff who show symptoms of COVID-19 or other communicable diseases. Therefore,

1. The camp nurse team will take the temperature of everyone daily prior to breakfast and prior to any activity taking place each morning.
2. Anyone with a fever will be asked to wear a face mask, given a cool drink, moved into a private room, given time to lay down, cool off and rest, in order to determine if the fever could have occurred for reasons other than illness (e.g. outside heat or exercise). If, after re-evaluation, the fever is still present, and we don't have the ability to rule out a communicable disease that individual will need to be picked up by a parent/guardian within **2 hours**. Arrangements with camp staff will be made to collect the campers belongings, clean the campers sleeping areas, and other hot spots the camper may or may not have been in contact with.

Cabins

1. All commonly touched surfaces will be disinfected multiple times daily.
2. Physical distance will be maximized as much as possible.
3. Disinfectants will be available in every cabin.

Camp-wide Sanitation

1. Camp staff will have continual access to cleaning and disinfecting supplies at all times, and will be available at multiple locations.
2. Tables, shared surfaces, and all commonly used areas will be disinfected multiple times daily.

Parent Notification

1. Parent/guardian will be notified immediately if their child develops an unexplained fever or COVID-like symptoms.
2. If the need should arise to send 5 or more campers home due to the onset on communicable disease symptoms all parent/guardians will be notified, and the remaining part of the camp will be cancelled.
3. There will be a 48-hour window allowed between events scheduled to take place again.