

2021 EDMO COVID-19 Policies and Procedures

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At EDMO, we've heard from adults and children that, after a year of COVID-19 shutdowns and school interruptions, summer camp is even more important than before. For us, so is the importance of creating learning experiences that combat the social isolation of these times and help children become curious, compassionate, and confident people in the world.

We are so delighted that you will be joining us in person this summer! We're making sure that the EDMO Vibe is just as strong and playful as ever — while ensuring the safety of our community. We're constantly monitoring the state and local COVID-19 restrictions in place for every camp location. With this pandemic, we know that circumstances keep changing, and we will update these policies as the landscape changes. Below we have outlined the steps that we're taking as an organization to prevent the spread of COVID-19, as well as the safety behaviors we ask of families, kids, and EDMO staff.

EDMO has adopted the following protocols:

Stable Groups

- Kids will be in stable groups with restricted capacities as outlined by state and county guidelines. EDMO's current stable group size will be 12 or fewer kids and 2 staff members and may be adjusted up or down if restrictions change before the start of summer programming.
- Kids will not be allowed to change from one group to another.
- Each stable group will remain together throughout the duration of the camp session.

Physical Distancing

- Kids will be instructed to avoid physical contact with any other kids or staff, and staff will give repeat reminders throughout the day.
- Kids will be encouraged to keep their hands to themselves and will be strategically spaced when possible during activities for appropriate social distancing. This includes no hand holding, hugging, high fives, etc.
- Outdoor game time, snacks and lunch will be staggered to promote physical distancing between stable groups.

Face Masks

- In accordance with state and local agency guidelines, all kids and staff must wear face masks while at camp at all times, except during designated eating times.
- Kids need to bring their own face masks daily. We recommend that they keep an extra one in their bag.
- Following CDC guidelines for face masks, here is a list of face masks that are and are not allowed to be used during in-person programs:
 - Types of masks allowed:
 - Cloth masks with a minimum of 2 layers of fabric that fit properly, fully covering the mouth and nose and fitting snugly to the sides of the face
 - Gaiters that are double layered
 - Non-medical disposable masks
 - Types of masks not allowed:
 - Masks with vents or valves (they allow the virus to escape)
 - Masks intended for medical professionals such as N95 or surgical masks
 - Open fabric masks such as those made from lace, mesh or other loose-knit fabrics
- For kids who are unable to wear a face mask due to special circumstances, a hooded face shield is an acceptable substitute but must be worn with a double layer of cloth that covers the open sides and bottom completely and must be secured by being tucked into the shirt or tied around the back of the neck.
- Kids will be instructed to refrain from touching their face or mouth.
- EDMO staff members are instructed to wash or replace their face masks daily.
- Parents/guardians are instructed to ensure that kids have clean face masks.

Hand Washing and Hand Sanitizing

- Camp will implement routines for students to wash their hands (or use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available), at regular intervals throughout the day.
 - When arriving and prior to leaving
 - Before and after meals
 - Before and after outside play

- Before and after using the restroom
- Hand sanitizing stations will be readily available throughout camp sites.

Restrooms

- One camper at a time will be allowed in the restroom.
- If windows exist in these restrooms, they will remain open for ventilation.
- EDMO staff will clean and disinfect the restroom after each use.

Equipment & Supplies

- Each camper will have their own supplies.
- Socially-distanced activities will be available, and kids will be encouraged to bring activities from home that can be conducted individually.
- Kids will only be allowed to use play structures or any other shared equipment if the situation allows for full disinfecting before and after each group's use. Exact protocols will vary site to site and will be reviewed with kids at the start of each camp session.

Food and Water

- We will not be offering families the option to purchase lunch this year.
- Please send your kid each day with a lunch and snacks to sustain them throughout the camp day.
- We ask you to make sure: **NO NUTS!** We'll be doing all we can to prevent kids from sharing food, but there may be kids with serious allergies in their stable group and we want to make sure they don't come into contact with anything that could make them sick.
- Please pack a reusable water bottle for your kid each day. Many county regulations prohibit kids from using the water fountains. EDMO staff will refill bottles as needed and return them to your kid.
- EDMO staff will require kids to wash their hands before and after they eat.
- If an EDMO staff member must handle food or drink in any way, they will be required to wear disposable gloves and change gloves between helping kids.
- Eating and drinking will only be allowed in designated areas that have been thoroughly cleaned and sanitized.

Camps With Indoor Activities

- EDMO will follow local and county guidelines in order to set up rooms for distancing between kids.
- Rooms will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized daily.

- Each stable group will be assigned their own room to avoid cross contamination.
- Doors and windows will be kept open at all times.

Disinfecting and Sanitation or Cleaning

- EDMO staff or on-site custodial services will clean and disinfect twice a day. Once in the middle of the day while kids are engaged in outdoor activities and once at the end of the day.
- Cleaning will include disinfecting of all spaces used by kids and EDMO staff, including but not limited to: doorknobs, desks, faucet handles, chairs and soap dispensers.
- Restrooms will be cleaned after every use.

Daily At Home Health Screening

- **Every morning, before coming to camp, we ask that you check every member of your household for any of the symptoms below.** Please be aware that many people who test positive for COVID-19 DO NOT have a fever. An inclusive list of symptoms of COVID-19 can be found **[here](#)**.
 - Fever
 - Chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
- If your child has a fever (100.4 or above) they may not attend camp. They must be fever free for 72 hours without fever reducing medication to return if COVID-19 is not expected - no other symptoms or known exposure.
- If your child has a fever with other symptoms or any other symptoms are present, they must remain home for at least 10 days, have 72 hours with no fever without fever reducing medication and recover from all symptoms OR show a negative COVID-19 test, before returning to camp.
- Any kid who is unable to attend in-person camp due to any of the above symptoms will be given the option to join one of our online camp programs until they are able to return to in-person.

Staff and kids should contact us immediately at 415-282-6673 and not come to camp if they have a fever of 100.4 or higher, COVID-19 symptoms, test positive for COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone with symptoms or a confirmed or suspected case.

Daily Camp Health Screening Procedures

- Upon arriving at drop off, one parent/guardian per camper will be required to fill out a short health screening questionnaire.
- An EDMO staff member will then;
 - Take the camper's temperature with a contactless thermometer.
 - Check to make sure that the camper is wearing their face covering over their mouth and nose.
 - Verbally verify with the parent/guardian whether or not the camper is ok to enter camp or if they need to go home.
- EDMO staff must also attest that they are free of symptoms of COVID-19, on a daily basis.

Symptoms While At Camp

- Kids and staff who exhibit or report any COVID-19 symptoms will be removed from their group and taken to a preselected isolation space where they will remain while arrangements are made for their return home.
- EDMO recommends that the staff and/or family consult a doctor.
- They must remain home for at least 10 days, have 72 hours with no fever without fever reducing medication and recover from all symptoms OR show a negative COVID19 test, before returning to camp.
- If the kid feels up to it, they will have the option to attend online camp until they are able to return to in-person.

Confirmed COVID-19 Exposure

If an EDMO staff member or camper reports being exposed to COVID-19 outside of camp:

- We will immediately notify all families and staff in the stable group.
- The staff or kid who was exposed will be separated from the group as soon as the exposure is reported and will be moved to online camp. They must quarantine for 14 days after their last exposure to the positive person before returning to camp. (If they cannot quarantine away from the positive person, their 14 days does not begin until the positive person has

completed their 10 day quarantine. Or if they become positive, they must quarantine for 10 days after the onset of symptoms).

- The remaining members of the stable group will be able to continue in-person camp and all protocols to monitor for symptoms will continue to be followed.

If an EDMO staff member or camper tests positive for COVID-19;

- Stable group members, their staff and any close contacts of the COVID-19 case will be required to quarantine for 14 days from the last contact with the positive person.
- The entire stable group of the kids/staff who tests positive will move to online camp for 10-14 days or for the duration of their time at camp, whichever is shorter.
- Kids/staff who test positive may return to camp 10 days after they initially showed symptoms as long as they have been fever free for 72 hours and are free from all other symptoms.
- We will enact our cleaning and disinfecting protocol for the affected spaces where the confirmed case spent any time.
- In accordance with state and local laws and regulations, camp administrators will notify [local health officials](#), staff, and families immediately of any case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with the [Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\)](#)

Check out our on-site Summer Camp FAQ here:

edmo.org/programs/summer-camps#FAQ