



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
SUMMER CAMPS

PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-131 OF GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS
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EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-131 IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has developed considerations to protect youth and staff participating in summer camp activities. The information below is provided in alignment with those considerations.

GENERAL

Can summer camps open?

Executive Order 20-131 allows for summer camps as defined in section 409.175 to resume operations.

Are there any camps that are not authorized to open?

Camp owners and operators should confer with local authorities for any restrictions on operations that may be in place at the local level.

CAPACITY AND GROUP SIZES

Are there limitations on capacity?

No; however, camp operators are encouraged to consider recommendations for group sizes and social distancing measures issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) when determining their capacity.

Are there limitations on group sizes?

No; however, the CDC recommends that group sizes remain small and that there be no mixing of one group with another group.

SAFETY AND SANITATION

Is it safe to send children to camp?

Camp owners, staff, parents, and children all play a role in ensuring that camps are safe. Camp operators should review recommendations provided by your local officials, including the county health department, the CDC, and the American Camp Association. Children should not attend camp if they are sick.



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Are children or staff required to wear masks or gloves?

Children and staff are not required to wear masks or gloves. If masks are used, they should not be placed on anyone who has trouble breathing, or anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

What type of screening or monitoring should camps use to identify sick children and staff?

Camp staff should follow CDC guidance for youth and summer camps and develop a process for conducting daily symptom screening and monitoring. This should include screening for symptoms during drop off and an assessment of potential exposure through family or close contacts, monitoring for symptoms throughout the day, and isolating and sending home sick children.

What are the best practices for camps to help prevent illness?

The CDC recommends implementing routine screenings for fevers. Camp staff should:

1. Promote healthy hygiene practices such as hand washing and covering coughs and sneezes;
2. Intensify cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation; and
3. Implement social distancing practices such as limiting interactions across classes and avoiding shared meals.

For additional CDC guidance and safety measures, please visit: [Considerations for Youth and Summer Camps](#).