

KIDS AFTER HOURS

Best Practices for Managing Health & Safety

Summer 2021



About Our Policies & Procedures:

Dear Parents & Families,

Our primary goal at all times is the safety and health of our staff and kids while at Kids After Hours. We have changed many of our policies and practices to provide the safest care and programming possible. These policies and practices have been recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Center for Disease Control, National Resource Center For Health and Safety In Child Care and Early Education, and MSDE licensing regulations.

As new and better information arises we will be adjusting accordingly. ****Please keep in mind this is a WORK IN PROGRESS!**** And, as always, if you have any questions or suggestions to better our program, we are always happy to hear them!

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Our Guiding Principles:

We Help Everyone
We Care Always
We Have Fun doing it!

How are we working to keep everyone safe?

Based on CDC, MoCo & MSDE guidelines and industry best practices, some of the key measures that are in place include:

1. **Daily screening & Temperatures of children and staff** — Prior to entering KAH, body temperature and symptoms screening is completed, along with verifying that the child or staff member has not had close contact with anyone that may be positive for COVID-19. Taking temperatures is fast and easy, so why not!
2. **Staff Vaccinations** - We expect all of our staff to be fully vaccinated.
3. **Group Sizes** - MoCo's Youth Camp Policy now allows group sizes of 50 for indoor camps and 100 for outside camps. We aren't ready for our group sizes to be that big yet, so KAH will have groups of 25 with 2-3 staff depending on the age of the children. For our Adventure & Skate camp programs, our group sizes when traveling in vans will be 15. We will NOT be holding camp-wide activities unless groups can be outside and fully separated in their groups.
4. **Enhanced cleaning** — We are supplementing our normal daily cleaning with more frequent cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces and frequently used spaces.
5. **Limited access** — Only KAH children and staff are allowed inside the buildings to minimize exposure. We will be doing curbside pick up/drop off (more info about that below!)
6. **Outside time** — Plenty of fresh air has always been a big part of KAH programs and this will continue to be the case this Summer! The Day Camp groups will each have their own tent (open on 3 sides). Our Junior Adventure, Adventure Teens, and Skate Camp programs have outside trips planned. I do believe we will be able to add in some inside fun on rainy days.
7. **Face coverings/Masks** — When we are inside, face masks will be worn at all times when children are not eating. We will all be wearing masks inside any vans or buses as well. When we are outside, masks can



be taken off for water activities, and active play. **Please wear a mask for picking up/dropping off your child.** This policy will change as changes in MoCo, MSDE, and CDC Youth Camp Guidelines change. Just FYI, last Summer the kids were all VERY good about wearing their masks!

8. **Traveling & Vacations** - This will be handled on a case-by-case basis depending on the nature of the trip, and where people are going. Following the CDC guidelines, vaccinated people do not need to quarantine or be tested before/after travel. We will be following the CDC and MSDE guidelines.

Drop off & Pick Up:

Curbside Drop off/Pick up

I am sure most of you have had curbside pick up for food recently??? Now we will have curbside pick up & drop off for child care! As you pull up, we will have staff and signs directing you. Once there, your child(ren) will be checked in and have their temperature taken. We will be using non-contact thermometers. Based on the guidelines, and for the safety of our kids and staff, ANYONE (staff or child) with a temperature above 100.4 degrees F will be asked to return home.

Pick Up: all you need to do is text your child's staff member when you arrive and we will bring your child(ren) out to you! You will be provided with this number when you drop off.

Children that are experiencing symptoms:

- A child who has a fever at or above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or who is experiencing coughing, body aches, chills, runny or stuffy nose, sore throat or shortness of breath will be sent home.
- There will be posters/signs with visual inspection of the child for signs of illness, which could include flushed cheeks, rapid breathing or difficulty breathing (without recent physical activity), fatigue, or extreme fussiness, and confirm that the child is not experiencing coughing or shortness of breath.
- Children that are not feeling well will be isolated from the other children and a family member must pick them up within 45 minutes. Where children are isolated will vary depending on location. When possible to do safely, children not feeling well will be transported safely back to their pick up location.
- Children may return to camp when they have been symptom free, have been cleared by a doctor and/or receive a negative PCR COVID test depending on their symptoms.

Staff or Child determined to have COVID-19

- Anyone unvaccinated that has been exposed to a person diagnosed with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 may not work or attend camp until they have completed self-quarantine following the CDC guidelines. Persons who have recovered from COVID-19, must be cleared for release from isolation according to CDC guidelines.
- If a group has a person that is found to have a confirmed COVID case, the entire group must self-quarantine. We will follow all MD Department of Health recommendations and guidelines.
- If a staff member or a child develops symptoms of COVID-19 during camp, we will safely isolate the person. Followed by contacting the parent/guardian and arranging for safe transportation to a healthcare facility or home.

Still Have Questions?

Feel free to call Bob or John with any questions you may have!

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