

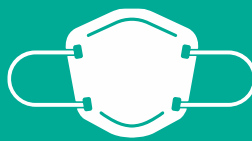


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CAMP SLOANE YMCA

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

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Camp Sloane Covid Protocols 2022

Why choose to send my child to camp?

Choosing Sloane is a family choice. It's important that you are comfortable with the procedures that we are putting in to action.

Every time that a parent allows their child to leave the home environment carries a certain amount of risk. While Camp Sloane will do everything possible to minimize the risk of any staff or campers getting sick this summer, including requiring vaccines, testing prior to arrival, more cleaning of common spaces and program equipment and a thorough health screening process, we cannot make any guarantees that there will not be any cases of COVID-19 at camp this summer.

There are many reasons to choose summer camp this year. We have heard from hundreds of families about the need for camp:

- For working parents who need regular programming for their day camp aged child
- To get a break from technology and screens and living rooms and remote learning
- The need to be around peers and to interact with people outside of their typical cohorts
- To reconnect with the outdoors and spend time playing in open spaces

Who should attend camp?

We are excited to be able to get back to a more 'normal' Sloane experience this summer. These past few years have taken a heavy toll on everyone and children, especially, have experienced a lot of loss and sense of normalcy.

Choosing to attend Camp Sloane this summer is an important step for your family and we take the responsibility of keeping all of our families safe with the highest regard.

Campers and families who have high-risk medical conditions or underlying health concerns should seek medical advice to discuss summer camp plans prior to attending camp.

Pre-Arrival

Sheltering in-place

It's important to limit activities to low-risk behaviors for at least a week before arriving at camp. The health and safety of our camp community will rely on families joining forces to reduce the risk of COVID-19 entering camp.

Camp Sloane is asking that you prioritize our staff and camper welfare this year. We are making the recommendation that families do not travel inside the 7-day window of arriving at camp. If

your family has a planned vacation, please contact us to discuss options for your child's camp session.

For day campers who are returning home each day, it's important that families continue to practice non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPI's) at home and in the community. This includes maintaining social distancing protocols, mask wearing outside of the household, regular and effective handwashing and staying vigilant about the contacts that your family has with other people.

Monitoring Health

In the days leading up to camp it will be important to monitor, track and report your health. Please let us know if you have contact with anyone who tests positive in the lead up to your camper's arrival.

Packing for camp

For Day Campers – each day your camper should bring a backpack that includes a water bottle, bathing suit and towel, sunscreen, bug spray and mask that meets CDC guidelines.

For Overnight Campers – please read through our [parent handbook](#) for a detailed packing list.

While we are not requiring masks (as of May 23rd, 2022), this may change during the summer, so please pack enough masks for your camper's stay. Day campers should bring a mask each day.

Testing and Vaccines

(Information accurate as of May 23rd)

Overnight campers and all staff will be required to provide proof of a negative antigen test taken the morning of arrival to camp. **Please take a photo of the result to show us during check in.** Anyone who does not provide us with a photo of a negative antigen test will be required to take a rapid test upon arrival at camp. This test will be administered by our camp nurse and will cost \$50.

It is important that parents monitor their emails over the next few months to stay up-to-date on pre camp testing.

A second test will then be taken at camp halfway through the campers' session (two-week sessions only). **All campers must bring with them an antigen test** for this purpose – this will be collected by the Village Directors at the start of the session. Please make sure the test packet has your camper's name on. If your camper does not bring an antigen test for the mid-session testing, we will provide one at a cost of \$50. If your camper is attending more than one session, please send them with one test for each session they are here.

Day campers will be required to provide proof of a negative antigen test taken on the Sunday night before the first day of the session, and again on the middle Sunday of the session. **Please take a photo of the result to show us during drop off.**

All eligible campers and staff are required to be fully vaccinated to attend Camp Sloane this summer, unless exempt on medical or religious grounds. Find more details about our vaccine policy [here](#).

Check in Day

Overnight Camp

Check-in day will be as contactless as possible. We are requesting that only parents and campers arrive at camp, with no additional family members or friends.

- Older campers (7th-11th grade) will check in from 1pm-2pm. Younger campers (3rd-6th grade) will check in from 2pm-3pm. Please do not arrive before your allotted time begins as we will not be able to check you in.
- If you have both an older and a younger camper, please check-in at the 2-3pm time slot.
- Once you arrive, please make your way to the center of camp (the 'oval') where you will check-in with one of our camp directors.
- If the camper has medications, or needs to check-in with the nurse, you will be directed to a parking area and one parent will bring the medication to the nurse's station.
- Families will be then be directed to a village check-in location where they will meet the Village Directors and be given their tent assignment.
- Campers will have their temperature taken and recorded at this time.
- Families will then be directed to the unloading zone at their child's village. Sloane staff will greet you and help bring the luggage to your camper's tent. You can get your camper settled in, give them a HUGE hug and wish them a great time!
- With the check-in process complete, we ask that parents leave camp at this point.
- Our staff will have additional training in how to help campers get their bunks set up.

Day Camp

Daily drop off will happen at the Day Camp Drop Off Circle. On the first day of the session, you will be directed to park your car, check in with our Day Camp Directors and walk your child into Day Camp where you will meet their counselor. On all other days of the session, drop off and pick up will be a drive-thru system. Parents should prepare their child for a contactless drop-off as described below:

- Upon arrival, parents will follow the signage and turn left into the Day Camp Drop Off Circle.
- Please follow the signals of the staff member controlling traffic flow. This will help keep your child safe as they are exiting the car.
- A Sloane staff member will approach the driver's window and will ask the parent to confirm their answers to the following screening questions:
 - Has there been a change in your child's health status as indicated on the 2022 Health History Form
 - Have you had contact with anyone known to have COVID-19 or who has been under investigation for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
 - Do you have any symptoms of a respiratory infection (eg. Cough, sore throat, fever, shortness of breath)
 - Have you had a fever within the last 72 hours?
 - Has anyone in the household tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 days?
- The camper will then exit the car with the assistance of a Sloane staff and have their temperature taken. A Sloane staff member will then walk them to their counselor.

In-Session Procedures

Daily Temperature Checks

Overnight Campers will have their temperature checked and recorded on a daily basis. This will be done in the campers' village by a leadership staff member, using an infra-red thermometer.

Mask wearing

As of May 23rd, we are not requiring masks this summer. However this is subject to change, so please send your camper with enough masks for their time at camp.

Cleaning

Our wonderful maintenance team will be increasing the cleaning of common areas, bathrooms, hand railings and the dining hall.

Handwashing and Hand Sanitizer

Last summer we built additional hand washing stations and introduced extra hand washing throughout the day. We will be continuing this protocol this summer and parents should educate their campers in the importance of hand washing and use of hand sanitizer.

Handwashing signage is displayed in all bathrooms to encourage effective handwashing practices.

Hand sanitizer will be available at all of the major program area locations. Staff will be expected to carry an individual hand sanitizer bottle that they can use to provide a squirt of hand sanitizer any time a camper needs it.

The Program Experience

Overnight Camp

The State of CT Office of Early Childhood has stated that we should follow the CDC guidelines for safe operation of camp. As such, we have been able to open up our villages so more campers can attend camp than in 2021. Each camper will be in a tent with 6-7 campers and 1 or 2 staff members. Each tent will be part of a village of up to 42 campers.

We are returning to our regular elective-based program this summer. Campers will do 3 activities in the morning that they have chosen, and their afternoons will be spent with the village and tent doing Free Swim and Tent Bonding Time activities.

For their morning electives please make sure your camper has selected their activity preferences in the 'forms & documents' section of your CampInTouch account PRIOR to arriving at camp.

For campers who have chosen water-ski or horse-riding lessons, they will be assigned a set period each day to attend their lesson.

Camp traditions, such as flag raising, oval, camp fire, showcase, theme days, overnights and square dance will be going ahead as normal and campers will be able to mix amongst the villages

Day Camp

Traditionally, the day camp model has followed a group-based approach. Campers will have a set schedule that they will follow with their group.

In day camp there are two activity periods in the morning, lunch and recess/rest time, then 3 more activities in the afternoon. All Day Campers will swim every day.

Check-out and Day Camp pick-up

For Overnight Campers

Check-out will be a drive-thru process. Upon arrival at camp, you will be greeted and directed to your child's check-out location.

- The first stop after greeting will be to sign the check-out document. Please have an ID ready for inspection. You will also receive information about saving your spot for next summer.
- If you have medications to collect from the camp nurse, you will stop at the nurse's station.
- After signing out/collecting medications you will then be directed to your camper's village. Please park in the designated area and here you may go into your camper's village to collect them and their luggage
- Once you have your camper and luggage in the car give them a huge hug – they will be excited to see you! As you are leaving the village have a discussion about next summer.
- You can save your spot by dropping off the paperwork at welcome shack by the front entrance.

For Day Campers

Daily pick-up will occur at the same location as drop off. As you enter camp you will be greeted by a staff member who will ask who you are picking up and check your ID. If an adult other than a parent is picking up, you will be required to inform the camp office.

As in the morning, turn left into the day camp pick-up circle and follow the directions of the staff member controlling traffic. A staff member will walk your child to the car and assist them with getting in.

Management of Covid at Camp

In the event of a COVID related illness at camp this summer, we will put in to practice the following guidelines:

- If a camper or staff member feels unwell, they should report to the health lodge
- The health lodge will have a separate entrance and treatment area for individuals who are displaying COVID-like symptoms.
- Health Lodge staff will maintain appropriate PPE when assessing all campers and staff for illness or injury
- If there is a fever present that is over 100, the sick individual will be isolated immediately. Parents of the camper will be called and our nurses will administer an antigen rapid test.
- If a camper tests positive while at camp, they will be required to leave. All parents of close contacts will be informed.
- **If we have a positive COVID-19 test at camp, all (exempt) unvaccinated campers will be required to leave camp.**

- If your child shows symptoms of COVID-19 and tests positive within one week of leaving camp, please inform us so we are better able to conduct community contact tracing.

Scenarios that prevent a child from attending Camp

A child/staff member will be unable to attend camp if one of the following is true:

- Has had contact with any person who has a confirmed case of COVID-19, or is under investigation for COVID-19 in the past 7 days
- Any symptoms of respiratory infection (cough, sore throat, shortness of breath) that required medication OR occurred in the previous 72 hours
- Have had a fever in the past 72 hours, or taken medication for a fever in the past 72 hours.
- Have tested positive to COVID-19 in the past 7 days

Refund Policy

- Refunds of deposits are available up until May 1st, without cause. After May 1st the deposits are non-refundable.
- Balances are due on June 1st. After June 1st, refunds can only be made (less deposit) for medical reason that has been documented by a physician.
- Campers who become ill due to COVID-19 during the session and are required to leave will have their camp fees pro-rated and a credit offered for future camp sessions.