Parent Version: Summer 2021
In-Person Camps Policy (COVID-19)
Introduction

The health and safety of our participants, staff and everyone in our community is a priority of ours here at UBC Geering Up. It is also a shared responsibility with parents and guardians. This document is a shortened version of UBC Geering Up’s In-Person Summer Camps Policy (full version is available on our website). Geering Up may update these guidelines at any time but will provide advanced notice of any changes.

Once you have read this document in its entirety, please ensure you have signed the acknowledgement. Your signature is required in order for your child to participate in Geering Up’s in-person camps this summer.

Camp Cohorts and Social Distancing

Camps as Cohorts

Camps are treated as individual cohorts and will run at reduced capacities. Campers should never interact outside of their cohort while at camp. A camper who attends one camp on one specific week must only engage with one group of campers and one set of staff for the entire week.

Distancing Levels

Levels of Distancing are:
1. No interactions
2. Limited Interactions
3. Daily Interactions

Staff and campers will have no interactions with campers outside of their group. Staff will have limited interactions with other staff. Only campers and staff within the same camp group will have daily interactions.

PPE Levels

Levels of PPE are as follows:
- No PPE
- Level 1: Face mask (non-medical/reusable)
- Level 2: Face mask (non-medical/reusable) + nitrile/latex gloves
- Level 3: Face mask (non-medical/reusable) + nitrile/latex gloves + Goggles (and/or face shield)
Mask Guidelines

Staff, volunteers, and participants in grades 4 and up must wear Level 1 PPE (non-medical masks) at all times when indoors, unless they are eating or fit the criteria for exceptions below. Level 2 PPE is required whenever staff will be alternating between working with different students and hand-washing is not immediately available.

For the purpose of Geering Up summer camps, campers coming out of grade 3 and going into grade 4 will be considered “grade 3” and will not be required to wear Level 1 PPE at all times when indoors. Campers in kindergarten to grade 3 are still encouraged to wear Level 1 PPE indoors.

Medical grade masks are not required within the camp setting. Face shields are a form of eye protection for the person wearing it. They may not be worn in place of non-medical masks.

Exceptions for Staff and Student Mask Guidelines

The above guidance regarding mask requirements does not apply to staff or students in the following circumstances:

- A person who cannot tolerate wearing a mask for health or behavioural reasons;
- A person who is unable to put on or remove a mask without the assistance of another person;
- If the mask is removed temporarily for the purposes of identifying the person wearing it;
- If the mask is removed temporarily to engage in an educational activity that cannot be performed while
- Wearing a mask (e.g. playing a wind instrument, engaging in high-intensity physical activity)
- If a person is eating or drinking
- If a person is behind a barrier; or
- While providing a service to a person with a disability or diverse ability (including but not limited to hearing impairment) where visual cues, facial expressions and/or lip reading/movements are important.
- Instructors will not be required to wear a non-medical mask indoors if they are teaching and if they are in a designated space (their “bubble”) in the classroom where they are at least 2 meters away from students. Instructors need to be able to deliver lessons and instructions clearly so the students can understand them.
Adjusted Capacity Limits

- Class size will be reduced from pre-COVID capacities
- Classroom capacities will allow for each student to have a designated 2 metre “bubble”
- Washrooms will be limited to one occupant at a time
  - Campers and staff are required to wash their hands after using the washroom and before and after eating
- Each camp cohort will have its own lunch and recess time. Camp groups will be assigned outdoor spaces with clear boundaries to prevent interaction during these times.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be placed at the entrance to all facilities used by Geering Up camps.

Sign-in / Sign Out

- Parent/guardians may not enter indoor camp spaces at any time
  - Camp sign-in and out will take place outside the day camp space (i.e. a field near the classroom).
  - Parents/guardians and campers should line-up for sign-in to camp in regulated lines, keeping 2 metres (6 feet) apart. Markers (cones) will be placed in pick-up and drop-off locations.
- Parents/guardians should avoid gathering during drop-off and pick-up times. It is strongly encouraged to have only one parent/guardian drop off and pick up campers from the same household whenever possible
  - This is especially true for households who have campers in different camp groups.
  - Goodbyes between multiple household or family members are encouraged to happen inside a family’s personal vehicle, or away from the drop-off/pick-up location.
- Spectators - including parents/guardians - are NOT permitted.
  - No unnecessary people should be present in the day camp environment in order to reduce points of contact.
- Parents/guardians must inform the day camp provider of any confirmed COVID-19 cases of camp participants within 14 days after their camp experience ends for contact tracing purposes.

Camper Behaviour

Physical distancing is not always possible when working with children and youth, especially when responding to behavioural incidents. This is one of the few instances when physical distancing between an Instructor and a camper may not be possible. Again, this interaction should be limited to an Instructor/Camper from the same cohort. If all other policies have been followed, these interactions should be short, infrequent and limited to very small audiences.
Facilities & Infrastructure

Hygiene Practices

• Staff and campers are expected to regularly wash their hands with soap and water, using proper hand washing technique for a minimum of 20 seconds.
• Hand washing should occur frequently at camp.
  ○ Staff and campers are also expected to wash their hands:
    - Upon arrival and before departure
    - Before eating
    - After using the washroom
    - After coughing or sneezing
    - Whenever they are visibly dirty
    - After handling shared materials
• Staff and campers are expected to use hand sanitizer with 60% or higher alcohol content when immediate access to soap and water is unavailable.
• Staff and campers are discouraged from touching their face, especially their eyes, nose and mouth.
• Staff and campers are encouraged to cough or sneeze into a tissue (and then immediately dispose of the tissue and wash their hands), or into the crook of their elbow.
• Staff and campers are prohibited from sharing personal items (hats, jackets, hair brushes etc.), food or drink.
• Campers will have their own supplies and materials for camp activities. Shared materials will be very limited and sanitized between use.

Camp Logistics & Health Monitoring

Parent Communications

• Safety is a shared responsibility with parents/guardians.
  ○ Every parent/guardian understands their child’s specific health profile best, as well as possible risks.
  ○ While children who are immunocompromised or have certain underlying health conditions that put them at higher risk should NOT attend camp, the choice whether or not to attend camp ultimately rests with each child’s parents/guardians.
• Whenever possible, campers from the same household should register together in the same weekly camp group (ie. children close in age).
Pre-Camp Camper Health Screening

- Pre-camp camper health screenings will be communicated in a written format before camper arrival and again in a verbal format upon camper arrival.
  - Verbal screenings upon camper arrival will reoccur daily.
  - There will also be written forms of the screening available in english, french, arabic, mandarin, farsi, tagalog, and punjabi.
- A camper will not be permitted to attend camp if any of the 4 following restrictions are true:

1. The camper, or a member of their household, has experienced any flu-like or cold symptoms (See Appendix A) within the 14 days prior to the first day of camp.
   - Campers with seasonal allergies, or those who suffer from chronic runny nose/nasal congestion, should be identified to Geering Up staff in advance, and their usual symptoms not treated as possible COVID-19 symptoms.
   - A credit will be issued for the full week (refund upon request).

2. The camper, or a member of their household, has had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or is awaiting COVID-19 test results, within the 14 days prior to the first day of camp.
   - Even if a camper has been tested for COVID-19 and the result is negative, they will need to complete their 14 day self-isolation from the last day of close contact. This is because there may not have been enough virus in your body to be detected and show a positive result. While self-isolating, continue to watch for symptoms. This follows from BCCDC Guidelines.
   - A credit will be issued for the full week (refund upon request).

3. The camper, or a member of their household, has travelled internationally (including to the United States of America) within the 14 days prior to the first day of camp.
   - A credit will be issued for the full week (refund upon request).

4. The camper, or the camper's caregivers, are unwilling or unable to follow health and safety directives from UBC Camps staff.

- Parents must notify Geering Up if any of the screening answers change throughout the week (in addition to daily verbal screening with participants themselves)
Staff or Campers with Flu Like Symptoms

- Staff and campers with seasonal allergies, or those who suffer from chronic runny nose/nasal congestion, should be identified in advance, and their usual symptoms not treated as possible COVID-19 symptoms.
- If a staff or camper is displaying any cold or flu-like symptoms while at camp, they will be removed from all camp activities and sent home to monitor symptoms.
  - The unwell person is moved to a safe, designated space until they can leave camp.
    - A staff member will supervise an unwell camper, maintaining physical distancing, wearing Level 3 PPE, and keeping them occupied until a parent/guardian can pick them up.
    - The unwell staff or camper should wear Level 1 PPE.
  - The emergency contact of the staff, or parent/guardian of the camper, will be notified and asked to immediately pick-up the unwell person from camp.
  - A thorough cleaning/sanitizing of the designated space and any activity supplies should be completed once the unwell person is picked up.
- If an unwell camper has a sibling(s) in either the same camp group, or a different camp group, they should also be picked up as soon as possible and required to isolate.
- Caregivers of the unwell person will also be requested to keep the program manager informed of the camper’s health, as well as any COVID-19 test results. Refer to the BCCDC for more information on testing.
  - NOTE: Public health authorities will reach out in the event an unwell person tests positive and officials feel there is a potential health risk to others.
- Unwell staff or campers must monitor symptoms and follow guidance of BCCDC before being able to return to camp.

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Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment

Parents/guardians must provide a signature to confirm that they have received, read and understood the contents of the plan.

I acknowledge that this Safety Plan has been shared with me.

Date

Name