

# **Agapé + Kure Beach Ministries Health Protocols for Summer Camp in 2021 Updated May 10, 2021**

Because we hold the safety of all as a major goal we practice the highest standards we can adhere to. Agapé + Kure Beach Ministries will be following all CDC, ACA (American Camp Association), and NCDHHS (State Health) guidance on regathering for summer camp. Those guidelines have become the framework for the protocols to be practiced during the 2021 summer camping season.

All these protocols can and will be impacted by revised guidance from the three organizations above providing best practices for resident camps. We will seek to respond to changes as guidance for regathering is established during the summer.

## **Definitions:**

- Cohort Group= Cabin Group of 1 counselor and 6-7 campers.
- Program Group= Maximum of 3 Cohorts in the same camp program. (12-18 campers, “Prime” or “Classic” Camp, for example)
- Community Group= All Camp/Large group settings. (48 campers and all staff)

## **General:**

- Reduced capacity: For Agapé this means campers will be in cohorts with a ratio of 1 staff for 6 (occasionally 7) campers.
- Face coverings will be needed for all campers and staff in community settings or when interacting with those outside their cohort or program group
  - Campers will need to bring at least 6 face coverings with them to camp.
    - Face coverings should be CDC-approved and fit campers securely over the mouth and nose (no bandanas or buff/gaiters, please!)
- Social distancing will be maintained in community settings between cohorts.
  - Assigned rows or seating at worships, campfires and rally times.
  - Decals or markings for 6 feet of distance
- Increased frequency of cleaning/disinfecting commonly touched surfaces and daily cleaning of all spaces.
- Cleaning and disinfection of shared program equipment between user groups.
- Increased frequency of hand washing and hand sanitizing stations when water/soap isn't available.

## **Arrival:**

- We encourage all who are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccination as it becomes available (A+KB will attempt to ensure all of our staff are vaccinated against COVID-19).
- **Pre-arrival:** We believe that a healthy camper (and camp) starts at home. In order to create a safe environment for all, we expect all who come to our sites to be diligent and responsible in what they do and who they interact with prior to coming to camp. We will not be requiring isolation, home quarantine, or a temperature and symptom log two weeks before arriving, but we are requesting that you:
  - Avoid large gatherings
  - Wear face coverings when in public or with anyone outside of your household/bubble
  - Monitor any signs of illness
  - Follow guidance from federal, state and local officials.
- Upon arrival at camp all persons in the vehicle will have their temperature checked.

- Upon arriving please make sure everyone in the vehicle is wearing a face covering. Please leave on throughout the check-in process.
- If anyone in the vehicle has a fever (reading at or above 100.4°F) the entire carload will be asked to turn around and not permitted to check-in for the week.
- A+KB reserves the right to send home any camper who arrives with any COVID-19 symptoms (including but not limited to a Fever (100.4°F or higher), dry cough, shortness of breath, chills, fatigue, loss of sense of taste and/or smell, or headache).
- If anyone in your household has been exposed to or tested positive for COVID-19 in the two weeks before scheduled arrival or is displaying symptoms **please do not come to camp** without having a negative COVID test 1-3 days before the camp session begins.
  - Exceptions to this policy will be made if symptoms experienced are a known symptom of another known ailment (i.e. seasonal allergies or other diagnosed illness).

### **Check-in:**

- Each Program Group will be assigned a window of time for check-in. Please make every effort to arrive during your designated time.
- You will be met in the parking lot of the Woodlands Center and given directions about where to check-in (Woodlands Porch or Lobby)
  - Pre-paying for store cards or pre-ordering any merchandise online is strongly preferred.
  - Please have any camper medications labeled in original containers for the Health Care Supervisor.
- Health screening will take place on the Woodlands Rocking Chair Deck or small Dining room conducted by the Health Care Supervisor for the week.
- For the protection of the Cohort Group, parents and guardians will not be permitted to enter the cabin.
  - Staff will come and help camper carry their things inside and get settled.
  - Campers will not be able to leave and return to their camp session for any reason (sports, appointment, etc.) to protect the rest of their cohort group.

### **Active Screening:**

- Daily Health Screenings for all campers and staff will be done at Breakfast. This screening includes:
  - Temperature checks (completed and recorded by Team Leader)
  - Health questions assessing any symptoms (asked by the Health Care Supervisor)
  - If any concerns are noted during these checks, that camper/staff member will be further evaluated by the Health Care Supervisor, who will determine if further action is needed.
  - Counselors will monitor health of each camper in their cohort group, reporting any change or concern to the camp nurse immediately.

### **Outside Visitors:**

- During the summer of 2021 – No guests will be permitted beyond the Office Welcome Center.
- Camp road will be closed at the office in order to route all guests to the Welcome Center.

### **Departure:**

- In 2021, in an abundance of caution looking out for the safety and health of all, we will not be offering a closing program for families on Friday afternoon.
- Each Program Group will be assigned a window of time for pick-up. Please make every effort to arrive during your designated time.
  - Campers will be picked up at their assigned housing unit.
  - Parents will not be allowed to enter the sleeping units. Staff and campers will meet in parking areas outside at each pick-up location
- Masks will be required during pick-up for all family members.

## **Masks:**

- In Cohort Groups - not necessary when indoors or outdoors as long as social distancing is maintained between cohorts. This small group is treated as a family unit.
- Vaccinated staff – not necessary, but encouraged around campers other than their own Cohort Group
  - Also not necessary when leading an activity for a Cohort Group while outdoors.
- Unvaccinated Staff – Masked as soon as they enter the property and should remain masked at all times.
- Food Service: Masks will be worn by kitchen staff (including those who are vaccinated) during food service times.
- Swim Time: Our pool occupancy will be about 30 or less (swim time will primarily happen in Program Groups
  - Masks will be checked-in at the Pool Gate and retrieved and worn whenever leaving the pool area.

## **Safe Play:**

- Cohort Groups – Will not need to be masked outside or inside for cabin group games.
- Program Groups – Will mask when outside if social distancing is not possible. Masks will be worn inside.
- Community (All Camp) – Will mask when outside when mixed with other groups. Masks will be worn inside.

## **Activities:**

- Many activities within the camp program require the use of equipment. When equipment is used:
  - Our protocol is to use alcohol wipes or disinfectant spray to wipe down all equipment before use
  - Upon completion of equipment use alcohol wipes or disinfectant spray will be used before departing the activity

## **Meals:**

- Meal service will be adjusted to maximize social distancing between cohort groups.
- Program groups will be assigned to different areas in Woodlands Center. (ie. Youngest group Large Dining Room, Oldest Group Castor Chapel, Third group small dining room)
- Tables will be set for social distancing.
- Campers will be seated only with their Cohort Group
- Drink Stations will be assigned to each group
- Serving will be done in serving cove. Food will be served by kitchen staff on one side of the serving line

## **Sleeping:**

- Campers will be placed in Cohort (cabin) Groups for the week.
  - When within the cohort group masks will not be required.
- Within Cohort Groups campers will be bunked as follows:
  - Lodge – 2 campers per room, with heads in opposite directions to promote more than 6 ft of distance between them.
  - Gerhard Cabin – 6 to 7 campers per room with alternating head direction used to maximize social distancing.
- Campers are not permitted to visit other cabin spaces other than their own.

## **Cleaning & Sanitation:**

- More frequent hand washing and increased availability of hand sanitizer stations.
- Special cleaning of shared areas and increased disinfecting will be practiced throughout camp.

## **Symptoms and Monitoring:**

- When symptoms are identified the camp nurse will assess if symptoms are potentially COVID-19 related or any other contagious illness.
- If symptoms are contagious – Camper will be isolated in the Bolick Health Center.
- The sick camper’s Cohort Group will isolate in their cabin space or remain outdoors away from all other campers and staff until a further assessment can be made.

## **Testing:**

- Per our Camp Physician, Dr. Hewett, deemed not necessary as a screening measure before or during camp for campers or staff.
- After further assessment of a symptomatic camper or staff member, if a COVID-19 test is recommended by the Health Care Supervisor, Campers may be taken to the Harnett County Health Department for a Rapid Antigen Test, administered by the Harnett County Nurse for COVID-19.
  - Harnett County Health nurse, Can provide rapid testing of minors under 17.
    - She may also be able to provide us some testing kits to be used by trained Health Care Supervisors
  - We will have a waiver or call a parent in advance for permission to administer test.
  - Rapid testing will determine the need for a PCR test (now 95% and results within 24 hours)
    - A local testing site will be partnered with for PCR testing of staff or campers.
  - Staff will be transported in isolation to a local testing site.
- If the test comes back negative, the camper can go back to the day-to-day programming if they do not have a fever and if they are feeling better.
  - If the camper’s fever or symptoms remain, the individual will stay in isolation as symptoms are monitored.
- If the test comes back positive, they will be isolated and communication with the parent/guardian will be made.
  - Plans to immediately get the camper back to their home will be made.
  - Contact tracing will begin and anyone who was considered to have had an exposure incident will be monitored for symptoms.

## **Contact Tracing:** As a result of a positive test result...

- Harnett County Health Department will be notified – given names of those in contact with the positive person, and Harnett County health will do all contact tracing
  - If a positive test is received by a camper during the session
    - Camper parent is notified immediately
    - Camper will need to return home
    - Campers in the Cohort group will be isolated and monitored for symptoms
    - Parents of campers in the cohort group will be notified of the positive test result
  - If a staff member tests positive during a camp session
    - Staff member will be sent home
    - All campers and staff exposed will be isolated.
    - Parents of campers exposed to the positive test staff member will be notified.

## **Camp Physician:**

- Having reviewed these protocols, agrees that protocols stated here are in line with CDC guidance and best practices for resident summer camps.
- Dr. Hewett is a MD, Pediatrician and serves as our Camp Physician.