

Ecocamp COVID-19 Policies and Procedures

General Overview

Small groups, with minimal cross-group contact. Individual camp groups are capped at 11 individuals (10 or fewer campers, 1 counselor). These small groups will have their own unique outdoor space for activities and meals. All large group gatherings and activities have been eliminated from camp schedules. In the event of inclement weather, camp groups will have a unique indoor space separate from all other camp groups and will be cleaned and disinfected for their use.



Camp activities will take place almost entirely outside. Most of our programming elements already take place outside, we'll be making changes for free time and meals to be moved outside as well. Campers & staff will only be inside to pick-up lunches, use bathrooms, and when thunderstorm/weather conditions require us to seek shelter.

Pick-Up & Drop-Off will be a rolling process to eliminate large crowds during arrival and departure and allow time for initial health screenings. Parents & Guardians are asked to remain in their cars and to avoid entering facilities whenever possible. The traditional end of week parent program will not take place this summer.

Health Monitoring

Two weeks before camp an attendance email will be sent to families requesting they engage in the following recommended health monitoring activities:

Pre-Camp Health Monitoring

1. Monitor your temperature for 14 days prior to their camp session starting.
2. Guests with a higher risk of complications due to COVID-19 (asthma, immune compromised, serious heart or lung disease) are encouraged to consult with a healthcare provider before deciding on whether to attend camp.
3. Watch for any symptoms of COVID-19 prior to coming to camp:
 - a. Fever or chills
 - b. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - c. Cough
 - d. Fatigue
 - e. Muscle or body aches
 - f. Headache
 - g. New loss of taste or smell
 - h. Sore throat
 - i. Congestion or runny nose
 - j. Nausea or vomiting
 - k. Diarrhea
 - l. CDC's latest list of symptoms can be found [here](#).

4. Anyone who has a fever or is found to be exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 during their pre-screening process or has been in close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual should not come to camp and should contact Glen Helen staff about further actions

Check-In Screening

Everyday at arrival every camper and staff member will be processed through a health screening.

On *Monday's arrival*, a Guardian will be ask to verbally respond to the following questions:

- 1) In the past 14 days, has your child had a new fever of 100.4 or higher?
- 2) In the past 14 days, has your child developed any of the following symptoms that cannot be attributed to another health condition?
 - Cough • Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing • Fever • Chills • Muscle Pain
 - Sore throat • New loss of taste or smell • Nausea • Vomiting • Diarrhea
- 3) In the past 14 days, has your child traveled within an area identified as a COVID-19 "hotspot"?
- 4) In the past 14 days, has your child been in contact with an individual who has been ill with respiratory complaints or fever, or who has tested positive for COVID-19?

If the answer to any of these questions is 'yes', Glen Helen Ecocamp will be unable to welcome your child to camp until they have tested negative for COVID-19. If you believe your child's health screening will raise a flag, please reach out to the Ecocamp office (937.767.7648) to discuss this as soon as possible.

Monday-Friday at arrival campers will be asked if they have any COVID-19 symptoms currently and their temperature will be taken. Anyone found to be symptomatic during this initial health screening will be prohibited from participating in the camp week until a COVID-19 test is complete and the results are negative.

Mask Use

- Glen Helen Ecocamp staff will wear masks whenever they are required to be within 6ft of a Guest or Camper and whenever they are in a building.
- Guests / Campers / Ecocamp staff will wear masks at drop-off and pick-up.
- Guests / Campers / Ecocamp staff will wear masks in all buildings.
- Masks will be worn by everyone while being served at the counter in the dining hall.
- Campers / Ecocamp staff are not required to wear masks while actively eating, but will maintain safe distance from one another during meal times
- Masks are not required when campers are outside with their small groups, unless it is impossible to maintain social distance from other campers or members of the public.
- Anyone with a contraindicative medical condition will not be required to wear a mask.
- Anyone who wishes to wear a mask in excess of our requirements is welcome to do so without fear of judgement by Ecocamp staff or other campers

Hygiene Practices

Age appropriate flyers about handwashing, cough etiquette and stopping the spread of germs will be posted in all bathrooms, dorms and dining hall.

Hand Hygiene: When

Campers and General Staff will wash their hands or when handwashing is unavailable, use hand sanitizer:

- Before eating food/When entering the dining hall
- Upon entering their inclement weather space
- After touching frequently touched surfaces (railings, doorknobs, counters, etc.)
- After using the restroom
- After using common items such as sports equipment or craft supplies
- After coughing, sneezing or blowing their nose

Hand Hygiene: How

1. Wet your hands with clean, running water. Turn off the tap and apply soap.
2. Lather your hands by running them together with the soap. Make sure to lather the back of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
3. Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds (Happy Birthday song X2).
4. Rinse your hands well under clean, running water.
5. Dry your hands using a clean paper towel.

Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizer

This may be used when bathroom handwashing facilities are unavailable. It will not serve as a substitute for traditional hand-washing if hands are visibly dirty or greasy. All naturalists will carry a supply of hand sanitizer when out on trail.

1. Apply hand sanitizer to the palm of one hand.
2. Rub your hands together. Make sure the sanitizer comes into contact with the back of your hands, palms, between your fingers and fingertips.
3. Continue to rub your hands together until they are dry (about 20 seconds).

Meals and Dining Hall Use

Meal times will be staggered to keep camp groups separate and allow for the cleaning and disinfecting of dining hall space between groups. Campers and staff will wash / sanitize their hands before entering the dining facility. Groups will take their food outside to a unique camp-specific space to eat. In the event that camp groups must occupy the dining hall during meal time, tables will be spaced to ensure social distancing between camp groups (at least 8ft per group, at least 6ft between every camper).

Our food service goal is to provide a choice of tasty food items at each meal, with healthy eating options and plenty of liquids. We will still accommodate dietary restrictions. Family style table service and salad bar will be replaced with staff served cafeteria line and pre-packages options where necessary. Meals will be served by trained kitchen staff / counselors, wearing masks and gloves. This may be done at the

serving counter, or at the table, but at no time will plates, utensils or food items pass back and forwards between staff and / or campers. Common use dispensers such as communal ketchup bottles will be replaced by single serving options.

Dining Hall Cleaning and Sanitation: After each meal, tables, chairs and counters will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized before the next group enters. Campers, guests and staff will wash / sanitize their hands before leaving the dining location. All plates, utensils and serving items will be cleaned and sanitized as normal.

Glen Helen OEC's Communication Plan

Prior to Camp

- Inform parents / legal guardians about the measures and procedures Glen Helen Ecocamp administration have implemented to minimize the risk of COVID-19 exposure.
- Updates on website, Campbrain and via email.
- Help families identify if their camper is at higher risk and recommend they consult their child's medical provider to assess their risk and determine if camp attendance is acceptable.
- Ask parents / guardians to share rules for campers to follow during their time at camp.
- Ask parents / guardians to share information about programmatic changes to Ecocamp (especially older campers who have expectations about their experience).

During Camp

- Be available for parent contacts with updates on their camper's status.
- If a child becomes ill or a decision is made to end camp early, communicate this information and any resulting plans.
- Camper communications will be calm and reassuring, address camper fears, contain accurate information and be age appropriate in language and tone.
 - As part of orientation, make sure campers are aware of:
 - Good hand washing practices
 - Coughing & Sneezing etiquette
 - How and where to physically distance during camp
 - How and where to wear their mask during camp
 - Which symptoms to look out for and when to report them to whom

In the Event of a Possible Exposure

- Immediately notify parents / guardians about any potential contact their camper may have had with suspected or confirmed cases.
- Immediately notify parents / guardians if their camper(s) are experiencing any symptoms.

After Camp

- Send weekly updates for 2 weeks post-camp informing families of any suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases their camper may have been in contact with or with an “all clear” message.

Response & Management of Case(s) or Probable Case(s)

Each case may be slightly unique, but below is a general guide to the steps we will take to ensure everyone is as safe and informed as possible:

1. If a camper or staff member is identified as having a potential or confirmed case of COVID-19, they will be isolated immediately in our quarantine space.
2. If the camper or staff member does not require emergency medical attention, we will care for the individual in isolation until appropriate transportation can be arranged with parents / guardians.
 - a. We will provide care and support for the individual and treat any symptoms as authorized by parents / guardians.
 - b. Make arrangements for their belongings to be gathered
 - c. Clean and disinfect affected spaces fully
3. Contact Tracing: Identify all campers who may have been in contact with the individual
 - a. Notify parents / guardians of any camper involved.
 - b. Notify other camper families as appropriate.
 - c. Notify the Greene County Health Department and assist with any contact tracing as required.
 - d. If necessary, shut down all or part of camp programming for a period

Cleaning & Disinfecting Policies

To minimize risk of transfer of coronavirus at Ecocamp, increased two-stage cleaning and disinfecting methods will be used with increased frequency in all indoor spaces. Cleaning and disinfectant solutions are to be purchased or prepared following product instructions. These solutions will meet EPA standards for cleaners effective against coronavirus. Stocks of cleaning supplies will be maintained in all indoor camp spaces.

- Communal spaces will be cleaned and disinfected between groups: especially Lodge Restrooms & Dining Hall.
- Frequently touched surfaces and common spaces will be cleaned multiple times a day.
- The interior of all camp structures will be cleaned and disinfected in between camp weeks.
- All items -- sports equipment, craft supplies, etc. -- will not be shared between camp groups without proper cleaning and disinfection.
- Cleaning duties will be scheduled in advance and assigned to housekeeping staff, dorm naturalists and administrative staff.

Have concerns?

Updated-June 1, 2021 SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Have concerns?

Glen Helen health and safety policies have been created in alignment with Ohio Revised Code requirements for day and residential camps. Any concerns regarding the health and safety of our operations should be reported to Greene County Public Health officials at 937.374.5600.