

We have all watched COVID-19 affect our world, hoping for a quick resolution of this crisis, speeding up the vaccination process, and looking forward to returning to some sort of normalcy. It was with a very heavy heart that we needed to cancel our 2020 summer camp program, due to the impact of the pandemic. Although we still deal with the uncertainty of this virus, we are very optimistic that better days are ahead and we are busy planning and preparing for a fantastic summer. We are continuing to monitor the pandemic very closely and are following the state of New Jersey, CDC, and the American Camp Association (ACA) for continued guidance and support. Our priority, as always, is to ensure that everyone has a healthy and safe camp experience.

We have put together a document for your reference of some frequently asked questions about our summer camp program for the summer of 2021. These may change in accordance to the ACA and NJ Department of Health guidelines as we move closer to the start of our camp season.

PCDC FAQ 2021

How has your visitors policy changed?

Palisades will be changing our "open door" policy to ensure the safety of our staff and campers. Visitors will not be permitted to enter the camp during operating hours, with the exception of emergency/law enforcement personnel in their official capacity, the Department of Children and Families and the American Camp Association personnel. All other persons providing maintenance services and third party therapists shall be minimized, required to wear masks unless doing so would inhibit the individual's health, and shall be subject to the same screening procedures as the staff.

What is the capacity limitations of your camp groups?

Palisades abides by the State of New Jersey's appropriate counselors to camper ratios, in order to keep limited interactions between different people in compliance with recommendations from our governing agencies. We will adapt group sizes according to ages; at this time group sizes may consist of a maximum 15 children (please be aware that this is subject to change according to NJ restrictions). Groups will include the same campers and staff members each day to the greatest extent possible.

How will you be screening staff and children before entering?

We will be screening staff and children for fever and other COVID-19 symptoms prior to entry into the camp each day. Campers and staff members are required to pass a daily health and wellness form that we will send to you via email. Staff and parents must be able to answer "No" to the daily screening questions each morning before heading to camp. All forms must be completed prior to 7:30 a.m.; otherwise, you will be asked to pull aside and complete a paper form, delaying entry into our camp. Campers and staff with a fever in excess of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, or exhibiting other symptoms will not be allowed to enter the facility, nor will persons that have exposure to persons known to have COVID-19 during the preceding 14 days. Campers and staff must also pass an in-car screening prior to entering the camp. Please refer to the CDC and N.J. Department of Health websites for any clarification of signs and symptoms.

What will arrival and dismissal look like?

Kiss and Go drop-off will take place in front of your camper's designated buildings (times may be staggered, please be on the lookout for more information). A staff member will greet you. Please stay in your car while we check your child's temperature, make a visual inspection of your child, and/or ask the drop off person a number of health related questions each morning. Afterwards, your camper(s) will be escorted to their groups room to begin their day. Please make sure your child is wearing a face covering when leaving the car.

Kiss and Go pick-up will take place in front of your camper's designated buildings (times may be staggered please be on the lookout for more information). Once again, you will be required to remain in your car while your camper is escorted to you. Please only exit your car when picking your camper(s) up only to buckle them into their car seat (counselors are not going to be available to have discussions at that time; nor are they allowed to buckle any child in).

Will I be able to be in the classroom with my child?

Unfortunately, to ensure the safety of our staff and campers we will not be permitting parents/guardians to stay in your camper's rooms. We understand under "normal" circumstances you are allowed to physically observe your child through our two-way windows and are comforted by seeing your child smiling and content. Rest assured that our professional, caring and loving counselors will continue with the same top notch care and experience that you have come to depend upon. Photos and/or videos of the groups will be sent to your email so that you can see your camper's adjustment.

Will before or after care be offered?

At this time, we foresee before and after care as a viable option for the 2021 summer. To ensure everyone's safety this may look different from past camp seasons. Specifics will be determined, as we get closer to the start of camp, be on the lookout for more details.

Will you still have your electives for the older campers?

Palisades is known for its remarkable specialized elective programs (woodworking, science, cooking, sports, etc...); this summer will be equally impressive, as we will offer many of our familiar electives. However, due to the ever-changing COVID-19 virus, cross contamination of groups will not be allowed this summer. Enrichment classes will be assigned in two-week intervals with both a morning and afternoon session to enhance our older camper's experience. More information will be provided in your camper's orientation packet.

How will you maintain social distancing?

Palisades will have floor markings, physical partitions or other safeguards should they be necessary in the hallways indicating a six-foot safe distance, as well as, having visual cues to assure proper distancing. To allow a change of environment for our campers, the groups will be assigned designated areas (i.e. ball field, indoor gymnasium, etc...) for their use daily.

What is your policy on wearing a mask?

Staff shall be required to wear masks while working unless doing so would inhibit the individual's health. When feasible, campers shall wear face coverings if unable to be socially distanced or outside their groups. Campers under the age of two are not required to wear a mask due to the danger of suffocation nor will masks be placed on our campers during nap time. Close person-to-person contact shall be strictly limited and extra caution will be reinforced, but no age-appropriate behaviors will be rebuked.

Will the children be sharing supplies, toys, etc...?

The sharing of supplies, toys and items will be strictly limited; we will ensure that each camper has an adequate amount of summer and art supplies. Each camper's belongings will be kept in separate individual containers and stored in their cubbies. If items must be shared, they shall be used by one group at a time and cleaned/disinfected between uses. Palisades will not utilize soft or plush toys, and items from home for naptime will be sent

home with that camper each day for laundering. Please do not send in any toys from home, as we are unable to share any items at this time.

What is your hand washing policy?

Upon arrival, all campers must wash their hands before engaging in any activities. All campers must wash/sanitize their hands when they arrive and depart after each activity (i.e. Playground, gym, etc...). As per state policies, our campers are required to wash hands before eating, after using the toilet, after sneezing or coughing into their hands, and in cases where it is necessary. Per the CDC recommendations, our campers will be encouraged to wash their hands more often to contain the spread of any germs for 20 seconds. Sanitizing stations will be strategically located around our facility along with hand washing stations that are located in every room.

How often will you clean surfaces?

Disinfecting will be completed on all equipment and supplies before being used by another group. Commonly touched surfaces (switches, handrails, sink knobs, tables, etc...) will be wiped down continuously throughout the day. Palisades has contracted United Unlimited Cleaning Company to perform nightly approved cleaning for summer camp facilities in accordance to the CDC guidelines and EPA approved disinfectants for use against COVID-19.

What if my child becomes ill?

We have designated a room within our facility that will be considered our "sick room"; this room will be sanitized and disinfected between each use. Parents/guardians must have someone available to pick up their child from our facility within a half an hour if Palisades deems that they either have a fever or sick symptoms and need to be picked up to go home (refer to the parent handbook for more information on illnesses). Our health care professional will fill out the appropriate sickness log when sending campers home; per our usual illness policies, campers are not able to return until they are symptom and fever-free without fever reducing medicines for 24 hours.

COVID-19 cases have more specific symptoms including a fever of 100.4, excessive coughing, or difficulty breathing. The student will be sent home immediately.

What if there is a suspected/confirmed case of Covid-19?

Any suspected case (a person showing symptoms but has not yet been tested or is waiting for results) or a confirmed case (a person with or without symptoms who has received a positive result from a laboratory test) must follow the CDC guidelines. If there is a suspected case of COVID-19 in our camp we will immediately separate the person from the

well people, report it to our local department of health, alert our staff and campers, and CDC guidance for cleaning and disinfecting will be followed. If there is a positive case, within any group, all campers and staff of that group are considered close contacts and must self-quarantine for 10 days from the date of the last exposure and/or follow the direction of mandates by the Closter Heath Department. Palisades will thoroughly clean and disinfect in accordance with the CDC guidelines.

Other groups within Palisades can continue to function. We will have daily and vigilant screening for illness that may occur. Social distancing and personal and environmental hygiene measures will continue to be strictly adhered to.

Please refer to the following chart for more specifics from the CDC

Individuals who have symptoms of COVID-19 AND • have tested positive (by PCR, rapid molecular or antigen testing) OR • have not been tested (i.e. monitoring for symptoms at home) should stay home and away from others until	At least 10 days have passed since their symptoms first appeared AND • They have had no fever for at least 72 hours (three full days without the use of medicine that reduces fever) AND • Other symptoms have improved (for example, symptoms of cough or shortness of breath have improved)
Individuals who have NO symptoms and have tested positive should stay home and away from others until:	10 days have passed from the collection date of their positive COVID-19 diagnostic test AND they have not developed symptoms.
Individuals who have symptoms and have tested negative should stay home and away from others until:	24 hours after their fever has ended without the use of fever reducing medications and other symptoms improve.
Individuals who have symptoms and have not tested should stay home and away from others until:	At least 10 days have passed since symptom onset and at least 24 hours have passed after resolution of fever without fever reducing medications and improvement in symptoms.
Individuals who are identified as a close contact* should:	• Self-quarantine and monitor for symptoms for 10 days from the last date of exposure with the person, even if contact tested negative.

What if a case of Covid-19 is discovered within a family?

Any camper with a confirmed case at home must stay home for 10 days after exposure based on the time it takes to develop the illness and all other counselors/campers shall self-check for daily symptoms.

What is your refund policy?

Palisades will not be able to offer any refunds; due to absences, changes or withdrawals of their signed application. Any changes of a campers session is subject to availability and a \$25 fee per change will be applied after June 1st. We reserve the right to issue credits in lieu of refunds and to keep the \$500 deposit per camper in the unlikely event of an Act of God, War, Terrorism, Civil Unrest, Communicable Disease or any other non-personal situation that, in the camps sole judgment, could lead to significant cancellation that would have a negative financial impact on the future of our camp. Please understand that we have had to purchase a significant amount of additional supplies and materials, had to add extra COVID cleaning procedures/contractors, and had to hire a larger team of staff members this year to ensure that all safety protocol are met per the American Camp Association, the CDC and the Closter Health Department's guidelines. If your family incurs a financial hardship, please contact the business office to set up payment plans, Palisades' goal is to collaborate with you ensuring success and safety for your family.

Will your swim program and after camp private swim lessons change?

Palisades' will continue to offer our amazing "learn to swim and perfect your skills" swim program that we are known for. This year we have updated our swim program, evaluating our campers bi-weekly on skills ranging from beginners (getting completely submerged and blowing bubbles) to our more advanced (learning the backstroke and front crawl breathing) lessons taught by our Red Cross certified lifeguards. After camp lessons will continue to be provided at a first come first served basis throughout our eight weeks of camp. Pool temperatures and chemical levels are continuously monitored daily to ensure that our campers are swimming at the proper NJ State levels necessary. Campers will not be required to wear masks in our pools due to the safety of improper breathing and the fear of suffocation. Our counselors and lifeguards will be utilizing personal safety equipment such as face shields when in the pool, allowing for proper communication and safe instruction for our campers.

Will Palisades offer bus services this year?

For the safety of our staff and campers, we will NOT be providing transportation this year. We feel that the enclosed space of a bus does not provide enough social distancing and separation that is necessary this year to keep the COVID-19 virus at bay. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and look forward to reinstating this service again next year.

What about snacks and lunches?

We will be providing snack and lunches to all of our campers as we have done so in the past. All of our food is approved by our nurse for nutritional value and the ingredients are properly checked for hidden allergens (we continue to strive to be peanut and tree-nut free.) Our food court is an outside open pavilion that allows for continuous air circulation that is a necessary component in keeping our campers and staff safe when eating. We will continue to keep our groups socially distanced, maintain individual groups, and appropriately disinfect/sanitize our outside eating areas. This year we will not be serving our food as family style; instead, each group will have individually prepackaged food to prevent cross contamination. More detailed information will be available as soon as the NJ summer health guidelines are released.

***Palisades Country Day Camp will continue to evaluate and adjust policies and procedures as more information becomes available. Restrictions may be lightened and/or lifted if the executive orders from the Governor and the DCF Office of Licensing changes.**

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