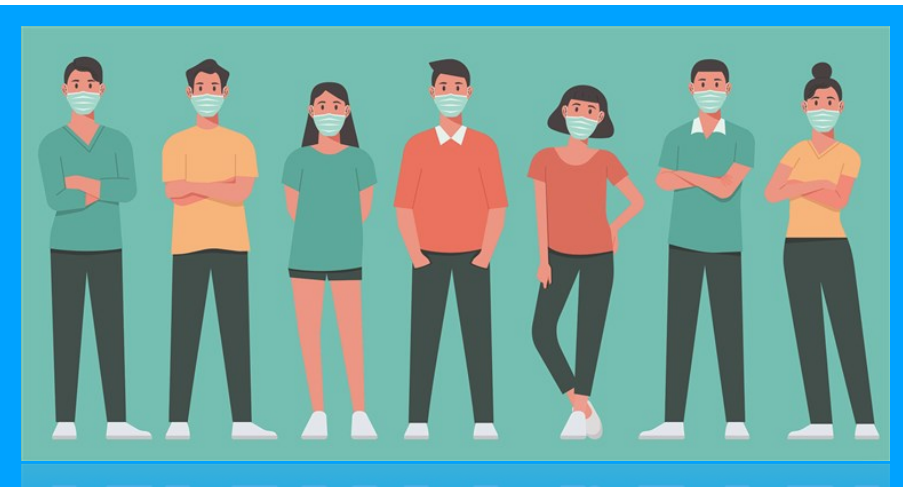


COVID 19 Protocols and Procedures Information Sheet

As we implement these policies and practices to mitigate the risk of acquiring COVID-19, please understand that we cannot guarantee that anyone in the Lesley Ellis Summer Program cannot get the virus. But if we all, every single one of us, share best practices at work, at home, and at camp, we can create the safest environment possible.

**These policies and procedures will be updated as additional recommendations, information, and testing becomes available.

The purpose for these policies and procedures is to mitigate the risk of contracting COVID-19 for everyone in the LES Summer Community. LES Summer Program will follow guidance set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Policies will be reviewed and updated as necessary.



Before Coming to Camp**

Each day before coming to camp, we ask you to do the following:

1. Take temperatures of campers or staff using a thermometer
 - Any temperature of 100 degrees or greater must remain at home.
2. Assess campers or staff, as well as all household members for symptoms of COVID-19. If you have any of the following symptoms, you must remain at home:

If your child has any of the following symptoms, your child must stay home and must have written documentation of a negative COVID-19 test and resolution of symptoms before returning to camp:

- Fever (a temperature of 100.0 or greater), chills, or shaking chills
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea

If your child's ONLY symptom is a cough:

- And is due to a known cause, such as chronic cough or asthma, and is his/her only symptom (with the exception of runny nose/nasal congestion caused by allergies), your child may come to camp.
- If your child's cough is NOT due to a chronic condition, he/she may not come to camp and must have a negative test result for active COVID-19 before returning to camp.

If your child has ONE of the following symptoms, he/she may come to camp:

- Fatigue
- Headache
- Nasal congestion or runny nose
- Nasal congestion or runny nose due to a known cause, (such as allergies rather than an illness) may come to school, and does not count as a “symptom.”

If your child has any of the symptoms listed in this section, please do not administer medications such as Tylenol or Motrin before sending your child to school. These medications can mask other symptoms such as a fever and body aches.

Please do not send your child to camp if he/she is not feeling well.

Children who have come in contact with a known positive case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days must remain at home for at least 14 days from the last exposure to the COVID-19 positive individual.

If children or staff members have traveled outside of Massachusetts in the past 14 days, they must get a negative COVID-19 test 4-6 days after returning to Massachusetts.

Entering the Building

Only children and staff are allowed to enter the building. If any other person must enter the building for extenuating circumstances, they must attest to the above, in addition to wearing a mask and washing their hands upon entry.

Everyone entering the building will wash their hands. Children and staff must wear a face mask or covering upon entry.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Each child will be assigned a specific outdoor screening point and entry/exit point of the building.

Drop-Off:

1. Parents will bring children to their assigned entry point.
2. Children will be screened as noted above, and attestation will be reviewed.
3. Children will wash their hands.
4. Children will be accompanied to their room by a staff member (depending on age).

Pick-Up

1. Parents will pick up children at their designated spot.
2. Parents will be on time at pick-up.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

Each day after summer program is over, our cleaners will disinfect all desks, tables, chairs, and shared common areas and objects including light switches, doorknobs, railings, bathrooms, etc.

Staff will disinfect these same areas throughout the day. Staff will receive training prior to the summer regarding safe use and handling of cleaning products. Children will remain at a safe distance while areas are being disinfected, with extra care being taken to avoid exposure to students with respiratory conditions, such as asthma. Cleaning products will be stored in a safe manner, away from students.

Items that are difficult to clean and disinfect will be removed from the classrooms (for example, soft toys). Children will have their own materials through the day (pens, pencils, markers, etc.) and items that must be shared between children will be disinfected before each use.

We ask that you send your child to camp with limited personal items. We will send all personal items home each day to be cleaned.

Handwashing

Children and staff will wash their hands on a regular basis including but not limited to the following times:

- Upon entering the building/arrival to camp
- Before snack and lunch
- After using the bathroom
- Prior to leaving the building at the end of the day

Hands will be washed with soap and water at the above times listed. Hand sanitizer will also be readily available to children and staff. Children are also welcome to bring their own hand sanitizer if families prefer to do so.

Physical Distancing

Lesley Ellis Summer Program will follow guidance from the CDC regarding physical distancing.

Outdoor spaces will be utilized as often as possible. When indoors, children will continue to follow physical distancing guidelines. Windows will be opened as often as possible (weather permitting) to encourage ventilation.

Signage and (when appropriate) dividers will be used to assist children in physical distancing including in the classrooms, hallways, stairways, and bathrooms.

Masks/Face Coverings**

Masks covering the mouth and nose will be worn at all times during the day by both staff and children, with several exceptions. During these times, children and staff will be spread at least 6 feet apart.



Exceptions to wearing a mask are as follows:

- When eating or drinking
- Designated mask breaks
- Nap/rest times for early childhood

Children and staff are required to provide their own masks from home and should bring at least two back-up masks each day. Extra disposable masks will be available in the health office for emergency use.

Children and staff should wear/bring clean masks each day.

Masks with valves, neck gaiters and bandanas are not allowed for mask/face coverings.

**If your child has a medical condition that does not allow for them to wear a mask or face covering, please notify our nurse immediately.

Groups/Cohorts at Camp

We will follow both CDC and DESE guidance regarding cohort sizes. These groups will remain together through the day (no mixing of groups) and will be the same every day.

Staff members will remain with their same assigned cohorts every day. If specialists or other staff members rotate through classes, they will wash their hands upon entering and exiting each classroom, will follow physical distancing guidelines, and will disinfect all items and areas they touched after use.

Positive Cases of COVID-19 in the Lesley Ellis Community

In the event of a positive case of COVID-19 in our community, we will follow direct guidance from the Department of Public Health and DESE. Our goal is to remain transparent and to continue to provide updates to our community in order to keep everyone healthy and safe.

During the Camp Day Sick Plan

If a child falls ill while at camp, the following will take place:

1. The child will continue to wear a face covering or mask, be separated from other students, and will immediately be sent to the COVID-19 isolation room to be evaluated by the nurse.
2. Spaces visited by the ill person will be cleaned and disinfected.
3. The ill person will be sent home to consult with their primary care provider and to be tested for COVID-19, and will remain at home while awaiting results.
4. If the test is positive:
 - Remain at home for at least 10 days and until at least 3 days have passed with no fever and improvement in other symptoms.
 - Monitor symptoms.
 - Notify the nurse and personal close contacts.
 - Answer the call from the local board of health or Massachusetts Community Tracing Collaborative to help identify close contacts to help them prevent transmission.
 - Secure release from contact tracers (local board of health or Community Tracing Collaborative) for return to school.
5. Lesley Ellis Summer Program will notify the LES Summer community if a child or staff member tests positive for COVID-19.

Children or Staff Member Symptomatic

- If at home, stay home and get tested.
- If at camp, immediately go home and get tested.
 - Test result negative: return to school once asymptomatic for 24 hours.
 - Test result positive: quarantine for at least 10 days AND until at least 3 days have passed and no fever and improvement of other symptoms.
 - If not getting tested: quarantine for 14 days.
- Alert nurse of symptoms and testing status.

Children of Staff Member Exposed to COVID-19 positive individual (close contact of a positive individual).

All close contacts should be tested but must self-quarantine for 14 days after the last exposure to the person who tested positive, regardless of test result.

Thank you for taking the time to read this handbook. We appreciate that you have chosen to join our summer program and we hope that your child enjoys their summer with us!

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