

Health and Safety Plan for Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts Summer Camps

Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts Summer Camps will be held as our programs provide child care and enrichment for children and youth throughout Central PA.

Prior to our Summer Programs, the entire Center has been disinfected with an EPA-Line N disinfectant which is a product specific to killing COVID-19. The disinfectant is botanical, hospital grade, and completely food-safe. The cleaning has been diffused into the air which allows it to reach fine cracks and crevices as well as penetrate all carpet and fabric. Additionally, high touch points throughout the Center have been hand cleaned. A certificate is available regarding the disinfecting and treatment dates for anyone who requests a copy; this will also be placed on our 3rd Street doors.

During our Summer Programs, the entire building will be closed to the public. Also, no groups, scheduled field trips, etc. are being permitted in the building. The only people that will occupy the Center will be those children attending their Summer Camp and our Summer Camp Staff.

Summer Camp Procedures

All parents must drop their child off at the 3rd Street drop off zone. Children should exit the car when a Whitaker Center Camp Counselor approaches their car. Before entering the Center, the child's temperature will be taken with a non-contact infrared thermometer. **Any child with a body temperature over 100.4° F will need to go home with their parents immediately.** During pickup, parents must remain in their car and their child will be escorted to the vehicle by a camp counselor. Please see the Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures for additional details.

We strongly encourage parents who believe their child is sick or have had recent close contact with a person with COVID-19 to stay home. All campers are expected to follow all rules and directions we have put into place to keep all campers safe. If at any time the camper is unable or unwilling to follow these rules and directions the parent or emergency contact will be called immediately and is expected to come pick up the child from our summer programs.

Campers should come to camp each day with their lunch in a brown paper bag (no reusable lunch boxes permitted) and at least 2 disposable water bottles. Campers will not be allowed to bring personal items, backpacks, etc. with them into the Center. **Also, our water fountains will not be accessible and children will not be allowed to fill up their water bottle at any sink throughout the Center or in the bathroom.** For this reason, children should bring enough water for their day in disposable plastic bottles.

Children are required to bring a mask with them every day to camp. The child should be comfortable putting their own mask on without assistance. The child should also be comfortable wearing the mask for as long as 30 minutes. Campers should be encouraged to touch their mask as little as possible. A cloth or "surgical mask" is acceptable, as long as it covers the mouth and nose, and does not restrict the child's vision. Depending on the activities throughout the day, if proper social distancing is being practiced, campers will not be required to wear a mask at that time. There will be some activities that involve sharing a space or object, and during these times, masks will be required to be worn.

All staff will be required to wear a face covering during the entire day of summer program operations. All Whitaker Center staff's temperature will be checked daily and logged. Parents may request a copy of this log at any time. Any Whitaker Center staff who have tested positive for COVID-19, do not feel well or who believe they have recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19 will be required to stay home from summer programs at the Center.

During the week of camp, groups will always include the same group members each day, along with the same staff and camp counselors remaining with the same group each day. Each group of children will be kept in a separate room or space at one time by staggering groups in locations throughout the building to decrease the contact between groups. Before and after a group moves to a different area, disinfecting by our cleaning staff will be completed. This also includes designated restrooms for each group to use, both for boys and girls in the group.

Handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds for both campers and staff will be done readily throughout the day, specifically after campers have touched objects that others have used, after a camper has coughed or sneezed, and pre and post-lunch and snack time. Our paper towel dispensers and trash cans are all no-touch. Hand sanitizers that contain at least 60% alcohol will also be available in all spaces of the Center and campers will be encouraged to use this often.

All areas throughout the Center that campers are using will be cleaned and disinfected frequently. A schedule of increased, routine cleaning and disinfection has been put into place. If you would like our full schedule of cleaning, this can be provided to you upon request. Any item that is difficult to clean, sanitize, or disinfect has been removed from the Center and will not be used during camps. Adequate supplies to minimize share of high-touch materials have been ordered for campers. Whitaker Center will ensure safe and correct use and storage of all cleaning products so they are stored securely away from children.

If your camper is partaking in Musical Theatre Camp, there will not be a performance on the final day for parents, family, and friends of campers. The performance will be recorded and sent to parents to watch online.

All guest speakers who were scheduled to partake in each camp will now be done via Zoom, and your camper can interact with the speaker virtually.

Whitaker Center has designated two staff people to be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns. These will be our Camp Officials. Jessica Rice, our Director of Education, and Brian Ariano, a certified EMT, will be onsite at all times to handle these issues. Jessica Rice can be reached at 717-724-3865 or jrice@whitakercenter.org and Brian Ariano can be reached at 717-724-3851 or bariano@whitakercenter.org.

If A Camper Should Get Sick

Your child should not come to camp and the parent should notify one of the above Camp Officials if their child becomes sick with COVID-19 symptoms, test positive for COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone with symptoms or a confirmed or suspected case. Additionally, if a member of the immediate family group has COVID-19 symptoms, presumptive exposure, or is awaiting test results, Whitaker

requests notification of that status, so we may properly evaluate if the camper can safely participate in the activities. Any information provided will be kept in the strictest confidence, and will be used between Camp officials, senior staff, and the family providing the information to make informed, fact based decisions.

If a camper is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms (such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath) at camp, the camper will be immediately isolated from the rest of the group in an isolation room. The parent or emergency contact will be contacted immediately and should be prepared to come pick their child up immediately.

Any area that the potentially sick child used will be closed off to the rest of the campers, and all areas of the Center will be cleaned and disinfected immediately if a case of COVID-19 is suspected.

Local health officials, staff, and all families will be immediately notified of any suspected cases of COVID-19 that have been inside the building while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with the Americans with Disability Act.

Whitaker Center also recommends that families continue to practice social distancing and good hygiene while their child is attending camps, both to set an example for the camper, and to limit the spread of any disease, particularly COVID-19 between campers and families.

Thank you so much for choosing Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts for your child's camp experience this summer. We are excited for camp and have many educational and fun activities, experiments, and experiences planned.