

Summer Camp 2021: Covid-19 Addendum

Welcome to our new and returning families! We're excited to begin a new season of camp at Spring Hollow, and are looking forward to greeting each and every one of you. As we prepare, I want to assure you that we (myself, Spring Hollow teachers, and our Executive Board) are monitoring the COVID-19 crisis closely. Based on the information we have at this time, and in combination with guidelines set forth by the CDC, we have created the plan as outlined below.

While changes to our typical day are necessary, it is our goal to manage these things in a way that minimally impacts the children's experience and does not supersede the philosophy and spirit of the school. Toward that end, we will maximize the use of our outdoor space and spend much of our time there. Please note that parents will not be able to come onto the playground or into the classroom.

Camp Closures

We have designed our camp schedule to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 as much as possible. Specifically, we have used block scheduling by limiting enrollment to three-week sessions, and we have provided a two-week break between the two sessions.

However, it is possible that we would need to close temporarily should someone at Spring Hollow be diagnosed with Covid-19. In that instance we are required to defer to the County Health Department for guidance.

Illness

Please review our Sick Policy carefully, as it has changed since last year. It may be necessary for your child to stay home from camp more often than in the past, as we strive to keep everyone healthy and camp open.

We appreciate your understanding during this ever-changing and fluid situation, and ask for your help as part of our Spring Hollow community in working with us towards that goal. Please notify us as soon as possible if your child has been exposed to or contracted COVID-19. We will work with you to determine the next steps.

Drop-off and Pick-up

Drop off is from 9:00-9:30 each morning. Parents and children will be greeted on the sidewalk outside of the playground gate, one family at a time. Staff will maintain social distance while parents take their child's temperature with a no-touch temporal thermometer provided. Parents will submit a COVID-19 Screening form via their device to complete the sign-in procedure.

Children will walk with a teacher into the classroom to put away their things, use the restroom, and wash their hands. They will then begin their day outdoors on the playground.

For Pick-up, parents will wait on the sidewalk outside the playground gate. Your child will be escorted out to meet you.

In the case of heavy rain and/or thunder and lightning, drop-off and pick-up will happen indoors. In this case, parents will need to wear a mask to enter the building.

Outdoor Play

Children will spend the majority of the day outdoors. There will be a number of play options available, including theme related activities on the picnic tables, use of our two covered play porches offering art, blocks, dramatic play, books, music, etc...) along with the entirety of the playground. Water play will be

available, either with running water or water bins that are frequently cleaned & refreshed. We will make use of our two covered porches for shelter from the elements, as necessary.

An outdoor sink will be provided for hand-washing and refilling water bottles.

Indoor Play

Children may occasionally have select opportunities to play indoors. During these times the children will be placed in a small group (a maximum of 10 children). Materials will be cleaned or swapped out as necessary between small groups.

When the classroom is in use, the doors and windows will be open, with fans running, for increased air circulation. Children will not be asked to wear masks during this time. Teachers will wear masks when working closely with children but can remove them when maintaining a 6 ft. distance (ex: observing a group of children, preparing materials, etc...).

Mealtimes

Snacks and lunch will be served outdoors as often as possible. Children will be seated with adequate spacing between them will use a placemat to help to define their personal space during meals.

Meeting Times

Large group meetings will only be held outdoors. Teachers will lead discussions, read books, play games, etc...

Bathroom Use

Children will have multiple opportunities throughout the day to use the restroom, and in addition may go anytime they need to by notifying a teacher. The curtains on the stalls have been removed; instead, a teacher will obscure the view from the classroom as necessary. (Generally, most of the other children will be outdoors or waiting their turn out of sight.)

Cleaning

Sanitizing of materials and high-touch surfaces is practiced routinely. Outdoor equipment (climbers, slide, swings, etc...) will not be sanitized, though materials stored indoors will be.

Additionally, the classroom is cleaned by a professional cleaning crew three times each week.

Inclement Weather

During times of thunder and lightning, all children will play indoors. Children and staff will be asked to wear a mask at this time. Please note: this is a limited circumstance; at Spring Hollow, we do play outside in the rain. However, we are required to stay indoors during thunder and/or lightening. Because it is difficult to maintain social distancing guidelines when everyone is indoors together, we will wear masks during that time. Any child who is upset or in distress regarding wearing the mask will not be required to do so. There will be designated areas of the classroom or alternate areas where children can play independently without a mask.

Children will need to bring an appropriately sized mask, kept in a sealed bag, to be stored at camp.