



In Person, Social Distanced COVID-19 Updates for the Summer of 2021

Updates on May 24, 2021

At Camp Captivate, **safety** is our number one priority! **We offer two SAFE choices: virtual camps and socially-distanced camps.** The least risk in terms of COVID-19, of course, is the virtual camp option. However, we understand that some parents/students are seeking a **safe in-person** alternative. As a result, we have adapted our in-person day camp program to be as safe as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic. We follow rigorous procedures and training which are based on recommendations of the **American Camp Association, Center of Disease Control** and the **Santa Clara County Public Health Department**. This document is evolving as new recommendations get released.

COVID-19 Protocols for Socially-Distanced, In-Person Camps (updated on 5/24/21)*

This document was updated on 5-24-21 due to new recommendations by the CDC and Santa Clara County Health Department. Here are the **highlights** of the safety measures we are implementing this summer as of May 24, 2021 based on federal and local health department recommendations. **Santa Clara County is currently in the yellow tier, and is expected to remove the yellow tier by June 15, 2021.** For details go to: [Mandatory Directive for Programs Serving Children or Youth](#) Childcare, Summer Camps, and Children's Activities" Santa Clara County Health Department guidelines.

As the state of California and the County of Santa Clara continue to modify and update procedures and policies regarding health and safety, Camp Captivate continues to update our health and safety policies. From the latest updates from the CDPH, day camps and other supervised youth activities must follow specific portions of the K-12 schools guidance. Under this guidance, Camp Captivate:

- Will now allow for participants to sign up for consecutive weeks. (quarantine no longer required)
- Will restrict physical distancing between campers and staff/counselors to a minimum of 6 feet, and between campers to a minimum to 3 feet (but will still strive for 6 feet when possible)

Vaccinations

100% of our in-person camp staff are **fully vaccinated.** (Children 11 or younger are not yet able to be vaccinated at this time.)

Good Ventilation

- One of the most critical preventative safety measures during COVID is good ventilation. All Camps will be held **outdoors 100 percent of the time for the safest option.** Good ventilation is key! Bathrooms are accessible from the outside. We have secured a fabulous, fenced, secure outdoor facility- complete with a pavilion, and huge grassy area. Sun shades will be provided to provide “outdoor classrooms”.
- Camp Location: Outdoor Facilities at the Elk’s Lodge, Santa Clara (1680 Martin Ave, Santa Clara, CA 95050)

Stable Pods

- All Camps will be held outdoors in stable groups, called “**pods**”, of no more than 12 campers. Typical pod sizes will range from 10-12 children. Pods will be assigned a stable teacher for the entire week. Siblings in the same grade band in the same camp theme will be placed in the same stable pod. Each Pod will be assigned specific activity zones and equipment for the entire week to prevent commingling of pod groups or sharing of equipment.
- Campers may sign up for one week or all 4 weeks of Camp Captivate. As per Santa Clara County Public Health guidelines, it is **recommended (not required)** that a child will attend a different camp program once every three weeks. (Two weeks between camp programs). This change was updated on the CC waiver on 5.26.21.
- *The rule changed from a quarantine mandate to a “recommendation” for quarantine.*

Physical Distancing

- Campers, parents, and staff will maintain at least **six feet of distance** from each other as much as possible. All camp activities and breaks are set up with this in mind. (Note: Although the CDC has reduced the limit to 3 feet social distance (April 24, 2021), Camp Captivate will attempt to keep the 6 foot spacing most of the time to exceed the CDC recommendations. Also, we will keep at least 6 feet of distance between different pods. Read more [here](#).

Face Coverings

- All Children are **required to wear face coverings** while under direct adult supervision, **unless they are eating, drinking, or exercising**, in which case they should still keep their face mask with them to put back on later.
- Directors, Leaders, other Staff and all Campers must wear a face covering at all times while attending the camp, unless they are eating, drinking, or actively exercising, in which case they should still keep their face mask with them to put back on when done.
- 6 feet distancing will be in place during eating/drinking, when masks are removed.
- Face coverings are not required for anyone if it is medically inadvisable for a person to wear one.
- A clean face covering should be worn each day.

Individual Supplies (that you get to keep!)

- One individual “basic art kit” per camper per summer season. (Ample supplies for the summer)
- One individual “Science Kit” OR “Explorers Kit” per camper per weekly theme.

Shared Equipment

- All shared equipment will be sanitized between uses by different Pods.
- PE or playground equipment- one “set” per pod.

“Children’s programs may use shared equipment for sports and recreational activities within each stable group of children.”

Hygiene, Cleaning, and Other Measures

- All Camp activities will take place outdoors with shade and water refill stations (by Staff only) provided. *“Programs should conduct as many Program activities as possible in outdoor spaces.”*
- Each child is given a personal basic art kit (one per summer) and personal science kit (one per weekly theme). All art supplies will be for individual use only and will be placed in the student’s labeled CC bags for the entire week. Any shared materials will be cleaned and disinfected after each Pod’s use and at the end of each day. *“Programs shall minimize sharing of materials to the extent feasible, and any toys/materials used by multiple children should be cleaned between uses. Programs shall limit use of supplies and equipment to one group of children/youth at a time and clean and disinfect between uses pursuant to CDC guidance.”*
- All surfaces and shared areas or equipment will be cleaned and disinfected after each Pod’s use and at the end of each day.
- Bathrooms will be cleaned and disinfected daily.
- Hand sanitizer and soap will be available, and we will have regular hand washing or hand sanitizer times throughout the day.
- Tables will be wiped down with bleach wipes or disinfectant spray several times throughout the day.

“At least daily, and more frequently if feasible, clean and disinfect frequently touched hard surfaces (e.g., tables, desks, chairs, door handles, light switches, phones, copy/fax machines, bathroom surfaces (toilets, countertops, faucets), drinking fountains, and playground equipment) and shared objects (toys, games, art supplies, books) pursuant to CDC guidance.”

Sick Children or Staff

Children or Staff with these COVID-19 symptoms **should stay home**. Children or staff who have symptoms at camp will be isolated from others (while supervised) and then sent home. The sick person may not return to camp unless there is **proof of a negative COVID test and the person is symptom free**. **Positive COVID tests MUST be reported to Camp Captivate**, and Camp Captivate will report this to the Santa Clara County Health Department.

The COVID-19 symptoms include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Fatigue
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell

Daily Health Screening

Staff and families **must complete a daily screening health check** before camp. This is part of the sign in process. We will have a QR code linked to a brief daily google form.

COVID 19 Information

Links to COVID Resources	Description
https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-childcare--en.pdf	Guidance for Childcare programs
https://covid19.sccgov.org/sites/g/files/exjcpb766/files/camp_guidance.pdf	Guidance for Summer Camps by Santa Clara Public Health
https://covid19.sccgov.org/mandatory-directive-case-reporting-k-12-schools-and-youth-programs	Mandatory Directive for K-12 Schools and School Age programs
https://covid19.sccgov.org/order-health-officer-05-18-2021-focused-safety-measures	Order- Mandatory from health officer Santa Clara County
https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Beyond-Blueprint-Framework.aspx?TSPD_101_R0=087ed344cfab200030c7285e2042a83cef78f9d6b069f158699d3f9f5d1bbd2c6f93d848efddc1ce083b6dcfc7143000490992da9f3c3878e78e0d23ef378c1f9380ace0043a66ae05058e247c08457ac6b603c2ec2317571cb1e34ca2cb8fea	Beyond the Blueprint- What will happen 6/15?
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/need-to-know.html	CDC
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html	American Camp Association

Sources: American Camp Association and from the Santa Clara County Public Health Department websites.