

## Coronavirus - Information for DK-MN Camps and Retreats



The safety and health of campers and staff is always the highest priority at your Dakotas and Minnesota United Methodist Camps. Each of your six camps have a long history of planning for and managing communicable diseases. With the potential spread of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) within the United States, now is a great time to share our ongoing commitment to providing safe places for our campers and guests.

We recognize there may be anxiety and apprehension around the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak and attending summer camp. We understand your concerns. To help ease some of the anxiety, we have modified our refund policy. For summer 2020, we will provide a full refund for the cancellation of any camp registration up to two weeks before the start of the event. Reserve your spot today and sign up for camp worry-free!

As American Camp Association accredited operations, our standards for safety and best practices around cleaning and sanitizing are already considered the highest in the industry. However, due to a potential COVID-19 outbreak, we will enhance our procedures in the following ways:

- Disinfect all contact surfaces. Our staff always cleans, sanitizes and disinfects all spaces in-between events we host. As a heightened measure, we will begin sanitizing surfaces daily while groups are on site
- Regularly remind guests/staff to wash their hands frequently while on site
- Place hand sanitizer in additional locations around camp, and encourage guests/staff to use often
- Urge anyone with symptoms of illness not to attend scheduled events at camp
- Require staff to stay home if they are unwell

We will continue to monitor the situation in our communities as we move closer to summer camp season. Your camps work closely with local and state public health departments to maintain effective protocols for the identification and appropriate treatment of any illnesses that may occur at camp, including COVID-19. We will keep you updated as new information becomes available.

Your Dakotas and Minnesota Camps already require pre-camp and arrival day screening procedures for each session. We will update these health and wellness screening policies and procedures to reflect the current best practices recommended by public health authorities and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This includes questions about international travel in the past two weeks or exposure to any known carriers of the coronavirus. As the situation develops in the US, our staff will consider the impact on any requirements for admittance to camp. If expectations change significantly, we will make sure to communicate these changes to parents, staff, and all program participants well in advance of arrival at camp.

If you have questions regarding COVID-19, visit the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website](#) for more information on how you can best protect yourself and your family.

Thank you for being part of the camp community!

DK-MN Area Camp and Retreat Ministries