

# COVID-19 POLICY

Although the threat of COVID-19 has reduced, spread is still possible for those not yet vaccinated. In order to mitigate potential spread, Summer Academy is implementing the following safety measures (in addition to regular cleaning and hand washing). This plan follows guidance for schools and summer camps from the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH). As has been the case throughout the pandemic, we will continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments if we are given new guidance.

## MASKS – INDOORS

**Staff and Summer Academy participants:** In accordance with the guidance from ISDH, and because of the interactive nature of our program, we ask that staff and participants remain masked indoors, unless eating or drinking. If your child is not used to wearing a mask, we recommend you practice with them prior to Summer Academy. Our teachers will also give patient reminders to help them wear masks appropriately. Although extra masks are available, we recommend participants store additional masks in their locker in case they need to be changed out.

**Guardians and other visitors:** Because we provide care for a population that is not yet eligible for vaccination, we ask anyone entering the building this summer to wear a mask for the brief time they are in the building, regardless of whether they have been fully vaccinated.

## MASKS – OUTDOORS

In accordance with the guidance from ISDH, masks will be optional outdoors for staff and participants this summer. Mask boxes will be provided for students who choose not to wear a mask outdoors. If you would prefer your child continue to wear a mask outside, please let us know so we can help remind them.

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## COHORTING

Each week, participants will be cohorted in groups of roughly 20 children of similar ages, who they will remain with throughout the day. A possible exception to this grouping will be before and after care, based on number of participants and available staff. However, we will do our best to minimize the number of people to which your child is potentially exposed, while making sure they are properly supervised.

## SOCIAL DISTANCING

Our program is one where participants are moving around classrooms and interacting with others frequently. We are using our largest classrooms and limiting the number of participants to give the best possible circumstances for social distancing within the building. Teachers will help remind participants to maintain social distancing as applicable.

## HANDLING ILLNESS

- If your child exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 (fever of 100.4 or higher, uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing, severe headache, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, abdominal pain), please do not send your child to Summer Academy. Contact the Summer Academy staff, and we will work with you on what steps to take.
- Do not send your child to Summer Academy if your child has been identified as a close contact of someone who tested positive for COVID-19, OR if you have a **symptomatic** person in your household awaiting a COVID test. Contact the Summer Academy staff, and we will work with you on next steps.
- If your child tests positive for COVID-19 and was at Summer Academy within the 48 hours prior to the test, please contact the Summer Academy staff immediately so we may help in contact tracing and notifying ISDH.
- In the event your child is identified as a close contact to someone at Summer Academy who tests positive for COVID-19, you will be contacted by a member of the Summer Academy staff. If your child is not fully vaccinated, they will be asked to follow quarantine procedures. Our staff will work with you on next steps.