

COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE FOR OPENING DAY CAMPS

The purpose of this tool is to guide administrators in making (re)opening decisions regarding day camps during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is important to check with your local municipality and the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) and other partners to determine the most appropriate actions while adjusting to meet the unique needs and circumstances of the local community.

Should you consider opening?

- ✓ Will reopening be consistent with applicable municipal, provincial and local public health guidance?
- ✓ Are you ready to protect children and employees at higher risk for severe illness?
- ✓ Are you able to screen children and employees upon arrival for symptoms and history of exposure to COVID-19?

**ALL
YES**

Are recommended health and safety actions in place?

- ✓ Promote healthy hygiene practices such as hand washing.
- ✓ Intensify cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation of facilities.
- ✓ Encourage physical distancing through increased spacing, small groups, and limited mixing between groups (cohorting helps this), and staggered scheduling, arrival, and drop off, if feasible.
- ✓ Where feasible, adjust activities and procedures to limit sharing of items such as toys, belongings, supplies, and equipment.
- ✓ Train all staff on health and safety protocols.

**ANY
NO**

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**ALL
YES**

Is ongoing monitoring in place?

- ✓ Develop and implement screening procedures to check for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 in children and staff daily upon arrival, as feasible.
- ✓ Encourage anyone who is sick to stay home.
- ✓ Plan for if children or staff get sick.
- ✓ Regularly communicate and monitor developments with local public health unit, staff, and families regarding cases, exposures, and updates to policies and procedures.
- ✓ Monitor child and staff absences and have a pool of trained substitutes, and flexible leave policies and practices.
- ✓ Be ready to consult with the SMDHU if there are cases in the camp or an increase in cases in the local area.

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