



Health & Safety Protocol and Guidelines for Environmental Day Camp Programs, Summer 2021

Introduction

Seacoast Science Center (SSC) believes that the safety of its visitors, program participants, and staff and volunteers is of paramount importance. Over 29 years, SSC has established a track record for putting the safety of its program participants first. We are pleased to continue to provide our trusted educational child care services for Summer 2021.

Health and safety protocols have been put in place for infectious disease control and prevention during the COVID-19 pandemic. All procedures and protocols are developed with the best practices advanced by the [US Centers for Disease Control](#) and [NH Department of Health and Human Services](#) in mind. This document outlines, in detail, SSC's Camp and After School Programs, health and safety protocols, as well as specific measures that we believe are required to foster a safe and healthy program experience at the Seacoast Science Center and within Odiorne Point State Park (OPSP).

The Health and Safety Protocol and Guidelines in this document apply to the following programs (program descriptions follow):

Environmental Day Camp

CAMP GROUPS

Pre-K: Treks 4 Tots

Kindergarten: Periwinkles

Grade 1: Sea Stars

Grades 2-3: Green Crabs

Grades 4-5: Seafarers

Grades 6-8: Stewards

Grades 9-12: Marine Biology Camp

Health and Safety Guidelines

1. **Parents/caregivers should screen their child/ren for symptoms of illness each morning before leaving home.** If a camper is displaying symptoms (fever, cough, etc.) of illness, please stay home and call the Camp Director to report the campers absence.
2. Program participants or participants with parents or caregivers that exhibit COVID-19 symptoms or have come in known contact with someone tested positive for COVID-19, cannot attend SSC until after completion of the CDC recommended quarantine period.
3. SSC will establish a designated and isolated quarantine space for anyone developing COVID-19 symptoms while in attendance.
4. Programs will emphasize outdoor activities in lieu of indoor activities whenever possible.
5. When indoors, groups will be spread throughout the SSC facility (15,000 sq ft). All attendees and visitors age 2 and up, are required to wear masks while in the building.
6. Under the supervision of the Director of Camp and Programs, educators will ensure that all attendees practice infectious disease control hygiene measures at all times in SSC daycamp.
7. Programs for children up to grade 5 are grouped by age, with groups limited to 14 children with 2 counselors. Programs for grades 6 and up are also limited to 14 children with 2 counselors.
8. Program groups will honor social distancing guidelines. Attendees within a group will be allowed to be in closer proximity to one another; masks are required and physical contact is not allowed.
9. Should a counselor call out sick, a substitute will be assigned. That substitute will be trained in SSC safety protocol and will undergo requisite health screening upon arrival.
10. SSC commits to keep in close communication with all camp and youth program parents, notifying them of instances of sickness and potential or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in camp and youth programs or involving SSC staff.

TRAINING

SSC Staff and Educators will participate in safety protocol and procedures training in advance of Camp and Youth Programs, including:

- Infectious disease sanitation and proper use of PPE
- Recognition of potential COVID-19 symptoms and process for quarantining persons suspected of showing symptoms
- CPR and first aid
- Group distancing, both inside the building and outside
- Attendee drop-off and pick-up procedures
- Disinfection of program supplies
- Bathroom procedures, including disinfecting, cleaning and safe, respectful monitoring of children while they are in the bathroom

SSC CAMP AND YOUTH PROGRAM SPECIFIC INFECTIOUS DISEASE PROTOCOL

It is expected that program staff follow these protocols at all times:

- Limited interaction between the attendees and public while at SSC or within OPSP
- Focus on outdoor activities
- Isolate age groups from one another, both inside the building and out
- Trail routes and locations in OPSP will be chosen to avoid times they are heavily trafficked by OPSP visitors.
- Monitor program facilities sanitation
- Remain with same group for entire week
- Disinfect craft supplies before and after use
- Staff, including Counselors in Training must wear protective masks while inside the building and outside when appropriate social distance cannot be maintained.
- Adhere to the following drop off and pick up procedures:
 - Camp: Camper Drop-off between 8:30-9:00 am, Pick-up 3:00 pm
 - Attendees will be met at their vehicles at a designated location in the parking lot by an SSC staff member.
 - Late attendees: Parents arriving late will need to call the SSC Camp Director when they arrive at the designated drop off area in the parking lot. The Camp Director will dispatch the designated health screener to greet the child, and gather the daily health screening information so that the child may be safely escorted to their program group.

Should a attendee develop a fever over the course of the day:

- The attendee will be given suitable PPE and isolated in the designated quarantine space. The sick child will not be left alone in the isolation space.
- The attendee's parents or caregivers and SSC President will be notified immediately.
- All attendee's parents or caregivers with children in the current session would be notified by phone before the next camp day.
- Parents/caregivers arrive at the designated pick up location in the parking lot and remain inside their vehicle.
- SSC staff will ask the parent/caregiver which child(ren) they are picking up.
- The staff at the pickup location will radio the child's group and child(ren) will be escorted to the vehicle. Before entering the vehicle the child will be signed out as picked up by a designated responsible party.
- Attendees being picked up early must notify camp/youth program staff at drop off of the early pick up. Parents/caregivers will call or text the Center from the parking lot and the child(ren) will be escorted to the vehicle by a staff program leader and be signed out as picked up by a designated responsible party.

SSC COMMUNICATIONS TO PARENTS OR CAREGIVERS

SSC commits to timely and transparent communications with its parents and guardians.

- All attendees who are sick or attendees from families that exhibit COVID-19 symptoms or have been exposed to persons known to have tested positive for COVID-19 will be told to remain home.
- All parents or caregivers with children in a session where a child becomes sick will be notified of the illness by phone.
- Parents or caregivers with children in sessions following a session where an attendee becomes sick will be notified by email of the instance of illness in a previous session in advance of their registered session.

SSC WORKPLACE HYGIENE AND SANITATION

Seacoast Science Center strongly promotes the workplace safety standards advanced by the US CDC and NH DHHS in light of the COVID-19 including:

- Frequent hand hygiene and use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers when soap and water is not available.
- Disinfection of work stations, door handles and other high touch surfaces in the workplace.
- High touch areas in the SSC public space will be sanitized throughout the day.
- Practice physical distancing in the workplace for those times and situations where remote work is impossible

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SSC's Seaside Safari and Treks 4 Tots environmental day camp programs are fun-filled learning adventures that take advantage of the natural classroom just outside our doors in historic 135-acre Odiorne Point State Park. The Center's hands-on exhibits, scientific instruments, and teaching technology of the Gregg Interactive Learning Studio help to reinforce what campers learn outdoors. Lessons, activities, art projects, games, and stories combine for a full day of learning, excitement and fun. Seaside Safari and Treks 4 Tots camp sessions are held during regional school vacations and all summer long. Campers are grouped by grade and sessions

are defined by date. Campers in grades K-5 have historically used the Sugden House as home base; however, in effort to social distance groups, groups will be spread throughout the building and, when weather allows, meet outdoors under the seaside function tent. Camp groups will separate for activities throughout the day. Campers in grades 6-8 meet in the Gregg Interactive Learning Studio.

CAMP HOURS

Treks 4 Tots: (ages 4-5): Monday through Friday, 9am–3pm or half-day option, 9am-12pm

Seaside Safari (grades K-5): Monday through Friday, 9am–3pm

Stewards (grades 6-8): summers only; days and times vary

Marine Biology Camp for High School Students: summers only; days and times vary

Drop-off starts at 8:30am and continues until 9:30am. Pre-care is available from 7:30–8:30am and after-care from 3-5:30pm, for an additional fee. Neither are extensions of camp; it is supervised free time.