



Protocol and Safety Guidelines for Camp Care Fall 2020

Introduction

Seacoast Science Center (SSC) believes that the safety of its visitors, program participants, and staff and volunteers is of paramount importance. Over 28 years, SSC has established a track record for putting the safety of its program participants first. We also believe that, in accordance with guidelines of the [State of New Hampshire's Stay at Home 2.0](#), it is important for SSC to continue to provide its trusted educational child care services in Fall 2020 as schools return to hybrid or remote learning models.

In our new Camp Care program, mornings will be dedicated to lessons in environmental education and afternoons will be closely supervised, flexible time where children can do school work, explore the park, and play outdoor games. Tutoring with a licensed elementary school teacher is available for full day campers on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for an additional fee.

The same health and safety protocols put in place for infectious disease control and prevention during the COVID-19 pandemic for our summer 2020 Seaside Safari Environmental Day Camp will be followed.

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' Camp Care health and safety protocols as well as specific measures that we believe are required to foster a safe and healthy camp experience at the Seacoast Science Center and within Odiorne Point State Park (OPSP).

Camp Overview

Seacoast Science Center's Camp Care will explore a different topic in natural sciences while integrating math, engineering, reading, writing, art and music, to add richness and

age-appropriate academic rigor to the science content. Most activities will take place outdoors in the fields, forest, and tide pools of Odiorne Point State Park.

Mornings will be dedicated to lessons in environmental education, featuring nature's remarkable classroom just outside the doors of Seacoast Science Center. Afternoons will be closely supervised, but somewhat less structured. Children will have time available for school work, park exploration, and outdoor games.

Tutoring with a licensed elementary school teacher is available on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for an additional fee of \$20 per student, per day. Tutoring is available for full day campers only.

Children will be grouped by grade: K-1-3 and 3-4-5, with a maximum of 12 students in each group.

CAMP HOURS

8am-3pm; after-care available 3:00-5:30pm

Health and Safety Guidelines for SSC Camp Care Fall 2020

1. When camp is in session, the Seacoast Science Center will not be open for visitors. The Center will only be open for public visitation on weekends during the summer.
2. Campers or campers with parents or caregivers that exhibit COVID-19 symptoms or have come in known contact with someone tested positive for COVID-19, cannot attend Camp 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. Daily health check-ins are required for all staff and campers.
5. EMT will be on site during the camp day to provide emergency medical assistance and oversee infectious disease protocols.
6. Camp will emphasize outdoor activities in lieu of indoor activities whenever possible.
7. When indoors, camp will be spread throughout the SSC facility (15,000 sq ft). All campers, Kindergarten and up, will be required to wear masks while in the building.
8. Under the supervision of the Director of Camp and Programs, Camp Counselors will ensure that all campers practice infectious disease control hygiene measures at all times in SSC daycamp.
9. Campers are grouped by age groups, with groups limited to 12 children in a group with 2 counselors.
10. Camp groups will honor social distancing guidelines. Campers within a camp group will be allowed to be in closer proximity to one another but with no physical contact.

11. Should a counselor call out sick, a substitute will be assigned. That substitute will be trained in SSC Camp protocol and will undergo requisite health screening upon arrival.
12. SSC commits to keep in close communications with all camp parents, notifying them of instances of sickness and potential or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Camp Care or on the SSC staff.

TRAINING

SSC Staff and Camp Counselors will participate in safety protocol and procedures training in advance of Camp Care, 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
- Camper drop-off and pick-up procedures
- Disinfection of camp supplies
- Bathroom procedures, including disinfecting, cleaning and safe, respectful monitoring of children while they are in the bathroom

SSC CAMP-SPECIFIC INFECTIOUS DISEASE PROTOCOL

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

- No interaction between the campers and public while at SSC or within OPSP
- Focus on outdoor activities
- Isolate camp groups from one another, both inside the building and out
- Trail use in OPSP will be determined each morning to maintain one way travel on trails
- Monitor camper and camp facilities sanitation
- Remain with same campers for entire week
- Disinfect craft supplies before and after use
- Only allow 3 children in bathroom at one time
- Staff, including Counselors in Training shall wear protective masks while inside the building or outside when working in close groups where appropriate social distance cannot be maintained.
- Adhere to the following drop off and pick up procedures:
 - Camper Drop-off between 8:30-9:30am
 - Campers will be met at their vehicles at a designated location in the parking lot by an SSC staff member serving as a health screener. The health screener will wear appropriate PPE.
 - The screener will ask the following questions and record the answers for each camper and camper family:
 - *Have you or anyone in your family been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19?*

- *Have you or anyone in your family had a fever or felt feverish in the last 72 hours?*
- *Are you or anyone in your family experiencing any respiratory symptoms including a runny nose, sore throat, cough, or shortness of breath?*
- *Are you or anyone in your family experiencing any new muscle aches or chills?*
- *Have you or anyone in your family experienced any new change in your sense of taste or smell?*
- Parents who answered “No” to all of the above questions will be told that their camper(s) may exit the vehicle.
- The camper’s temperature will be taken with a touchless thermometer and recorded along with the parent/caregiver’s replies to the health screening questions.
- Campers will be given hand sanitizer to use upon exiting vehicle
- Parents/caregivers that answered “yes” to any of the screening questions will be instructed to remain in with their campers in the vehicle, leave the premises and seek medical advice.
- Per EEOC and other pertinent guidelines, staff will maintain the confidentiality of health information.
- Late campers: Parents arriving after 9:15 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 camp group.

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

- The camper will be given suitable PPE and isolated in the designated quarantine space. The sick camper must not be left alone in the isolation space.
- The camper’s parents or caregivers and SSC President and Vice President will be notified immediately.
- All camp parents or caregivers with children in the current session would be notified by phone before the next camp day.
- Camper Pick-up at 12:00 pm or 3:00pm
- Camp parents/caregivers arrive at the designated pick up location in the parking lot and remain inside their vehicle.
- SSC camp staff will ask the parent/caregiver which camper(s) they are picking up.
- The camp staff at the pickup location will radio the camper’s group and camper(s) will be escorted to the vehicle. Before entering the vehicle the camper will be signed out as picked up by a designated responsible party.

- Campers being picked up early must notify camp staff at the morning drop off of the early pick up. Parents/caregivers will call or text Center from the parking lot and campers will be escorted to the vehicle by the Assistant Camp Director and be signed out as picked up by a designated responsible party.

After-Care Pick up Procedures

- Parent/caregiver will call the Camp cell phone number, 603-812-9425, from Staff Parking Lot behind the SSC building. Campers will be escorted to and from the vehicle, following health screening procedures.

SSC COMMUNICATIONS TO CAMP PARENTS OR CAREGIVERS

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

- All campers who are sick or campers 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 camp parents or caregivers with children in a session where a camper becomes sick will be notified of the illness by phone.
- Camp parents or caregivers with children in sessions following a session where a camper becomes sick will be notified by email of the instance of illness in a previous session in advance of their registered camp session.

DAILY SSC STAFF HEALTH SCREENING PER US CDC & NH DHHS PROTOCOL

All employees reporting for work will be screened for COVID-19 related symptoms as follows:

- A location will be identified and a staff member assigned who will screen each employee every day before they enter the work-place.
- Plans will be clearly communicated with employees.
- The person performing the screening will wear a cloth face covering/mask.
- The screener will ask the following questions:
 - *Have you or anyone in your family been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19?*
 - *Have you or anyone in your family had a fever or felt feverish in the last 72 hours?*
 - *Are you or anyone in your family experiencing any respiratory symptoms including a runny nose, sore throat, cough, or shortness of breath?*
 - *Are you or anyone in your family experiencing any new muscle aches or chills?*
 - *Have you or anyone in your family experienced any new change in your sense of taste or smell?*

- Each day upon arrival before their shift, the temperatures of all employees will be documented with a non-touch thermometer. Normal temperature should not exceed 100.0° F.

Should an employee exhibit COVID-19 symptoms, answer “yes” to any of the screening questions, or is found to have a fever in excess of 100.0° F, the SSC health screener will:

- Instruct the employee to leave the premises immediately and to seek medical advice.
- Notify SSC President and Vice President that an employee has been prevented from working because of potential COVID-19 symptoms or exposure.
- Per EEOC and other pertinent guidelines, SSC will maintain the confidentiality of employee health information. Stigma and discrimination in the workplace will be prevented. Determinations of health risk or health status will not be based on race or country of origin.

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 at least every two hours while in use.
- Practice physical distancing in the workplace for those times and situations where remote work is impossible.
- Wearing cloth face coverings and where appropriate protective disposable gloves.