

Camp Ashwell Covid-19 Protocols 2021

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Background

Camp Ashwell has created this plan based on the recommendations of the CDC, the American Camp Association, and the State of Washington Department of Health. Based on these, and the restrictions on gathering in the phases, we have made intensive modifications to our normal camp programming and have limited the maximum number of campers.

Spokane is currently in Phase 2 and the Daycare exemption from Washington State allows us to hold our camps at the Program Center.

For more information on the Washington state phases, or the recommendations we've used to create this plan, please see these resources:

- [Considerations for Youth and Summer Camps](#)
- [Camp Operations Guide](#)
- [Washington Department of Health Child Care Guidance](#)

Girl Scouts will contact all registered families if camp needs to be postponed or canceled.

General

Camper Group Sizes

In general, restrict camper groups and staff to a total of 50 people on site, or 35 campers. This will result in five camper groups. Groups may never mix, including during extended care. No more than one group is allowed in any other room at any one time.

At Camp Ashwell we will maintain groups of no more than 10 campers at once when necessary to gather, and all other times will be in groups of 3-6, plus staff.

Face Masks and Distancing

All camp staff and campers will wear face masks at all times, unless unsafe to do so. Camp staff and campers will wear masks each day to use when distancing not possible within their groups (not for use during some activities such as eating). However, if campers do not wear masks, they must be distancing from each other, even within their groups.

Cleaning

Deep cleaning and sanitizing of all spaces after camp and once mid-day. During the day, staff will also frequently wipe down high touch surfaces such as door handles. Campers will be assigned cubbies/shelves with names so that their supplies for that week/day are not mixed with others. All campers and staff will wash hands or use hand sanitizer in between activities. An additional hand sanitizing station will be set up in the gym. Lost and Found will be bagged up in Ziplocs or clear garbage bags by staff wearing gloves.

Bathrooms

The "Boys" bathroom across from the STEM lab will be predesignated a "Girls" bathroom for winter camp. Male staff and visitors will be able to use bathrooms on the admin side or in the hostel. Each bathroom will be fully cleaned once during the day and again once campers leave.

Miscellaneous

- Rental groups that typically utilize the gym and other camp spaces after camp are cancelled to limit the number of people coming in the building.
 - All campers will have their own water bottle. The drinking fountain will be closed/disconnected.
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Check In/Out Procedures

Location

Parents will drive in through the hostel parking lot and campers will get dropped off by the patio. The direction of traffic will follow the arrows. Turn into the parking lot off of Maple Street. Exit onto Maxwell.

Camp staff will perform check-in screening through the window of the vehicle where the star indicates on the map. Following check-in, campers will enter camp through the patio and enter the building. Check-out will have the same traffic pattern. Parents may enter the building only if they need to conduct business with the front desk or store.

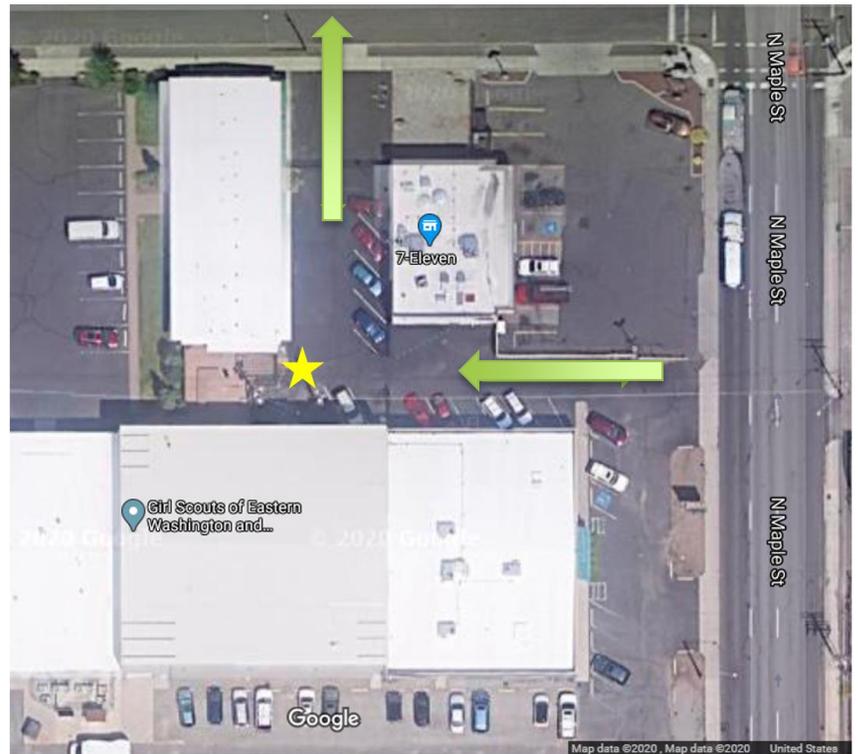
Check-in Times

Extended care check-in will run only between **7:30 and 8:00am**.

Regular camp check-in will run beginning at 8:45.

Check-out

Camp check-out begins at 3:45 in the same location as check-in. Campers not signed up for extended care will be charged \$5 after 4:05 pm. Staff will call for campers on the radio, and record the ID of the person checking them out. Parents will not sign out campers this year, the staff members will sign that they checked an ID and list the name of the person who picked up. As per usual, campers will not be checked out to anyone without an ID or who is not on the approved pick up list. **Campers must be picked up before 5:30 to allow for cleaning procedures to begin, if not picked up by 5:30, a \$5 charge will be issued.**



Health Screenings

Campers will be screened **daily** on a number of health indicators from inside their parent's vehicle. Only after passing the daily screening will they be allowed to exit the vehicle and be walked into camp. Please familiarize yourself with the daily screening. If you know that you cannot pass the screening, please do not come to camp. Call and we will refund your camper's attendance that day. During the screening, our camp staff will wear masks and gloves. The only information that will be recorded is that your camper passed the screening - temperatures will not be kept or tracked.

Meals/Cooking

Snack

Groups may come to get snack anytime between 10 and 11am (morning) and after 3pm (afternoon), but will have to take snack to separate locations and cannot eat in the gym.

Lunch

Each group will have its own table for lunch, and age groups will remain in pods in designated lunch areas. Campers will be able to spread out at that table but not eat with any campers not in their group. Staff will make sure that there are no more than 8 people per table, with one seat between campers marked off. One table in between groups will be left open, for at least 6 feet in between groups. As per usual, campers can bring their own food, but we will provide lunch to campers, prepared and served by the same staff each day, and will be passed out to campers in lunch bags. Campers may not trade food and we will discontinue the "Up for grabs" tub of food.

Cooking

Campers will obviously wash their hands before cooking or baking, as per usual. Stirring utensils and cutting knives will be washed before being shared between campers. In addition, campers will wear face masks for all cooking and baking activities. Campers will be given separate tasks to complete and places to stand while cooking together.

Camp Traditions

Singing

Singing is a huge part of camp, and we will try to make this part of our camp feel like it has in the past. We will sing with face masks on and with a minimum of 6 feet distance between singers.

Flag

We will be gathering in the gym, with campers remaining in separate pods.

All Camp

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Transportation

Transportation will be provided by Durham busses or our Girl Scout vans when necessary. The vans will be disinfected before/ after use and masks will be worn. Social distancing will be used when in busses and windows will be cracked open at all times to allow for air flow.

Field Trips

At each destination, if campers are not more than six feet away from members of the public or other groups, they will need to continue to use face masks. Field trips will be in places where we can maintain social distancing: ex. outdoor destinations, limited occupancy spaces.

Activities

Rock Climbing

All campers must wash hands before the activity begins and hand sanitize after each climb attempt.

The bouldering section of the wall will be sanitized between uses with a spray on sanitizer or by wiping down each handhold.

Archery

Each camper will be assigned their own quiver of arrows to use over the course of their archery time. Bows will be wiped down between camper uses and arrows will be wiped down between camper groups.

Arts and Crafts

Paint brushes used by each group will be rinsed and placed in a sanitizing bucket to be recycled back into use for the next day. Each camper will have their own scissors, markers and colored pencils assigned for the week in a Ziplock bag. All other shared supplies will be wiped down between uses.

Gym/Gym Toys

Gym toys that are easily disinfected (such as balls, hula hoops, and other non-porous surfaces) can be played with as long as campers are wearing gloves and have washed their hands. Only games that support physical distancing will be allowed, for example, tagging campers with hands will be replaced by tagging with pool noodles.

STEM Lab Games

Campers will use games and after use will put them on a cart to be sanitized. Books and other games will be available to children and put into their own cubby space in the STEM lab.

Hostel

Each hostel room will be only open to certain groups to limit the frequency of deep cleaning. All mattresses and bunks will be wiped down/sanitized after use. The dress up clothes and doll house toys will be available for use and be placed in a tub to be sanitized after use.

Sunscreen

Any campers who bring their own sunscreen and require assistance applying it must make sure that the sunscreen is spray-on. Otherwise, camp staff will apply our spray-on sunscreen (Banana Boat, SPF 30).

Kapers

Campers will continue to contribute to the cleanliness of camp with kapers, with a more thorough cleaning to follow by staff. Campers will be tasked with sweeping, mopping, and wiping surfaces with disinfecting wipes. Gloves will be worn during kapers.

Staff

All counselors will receive their break while their campers eat lunch. Admin staff covering lunch will wear face masks, change gloves, and sanitize shared surfaces in between groups.

No more than three staff will be allowed in break rooms at any one time. The hostel kitchen will be closed during lunch to camper groups for staff use as an additional break space.

Other council staff not counted in the 50 person site capacity will not enter the Program part of the building.

Extended Care

Extended care will be limited to 20 campers. Campers will be asked to stay in their groupings in before/ after school areas in the gym. Staff assigned to extended care will maintain six feet distance from campers not in their group.

AM Care: breakfast will be served from 7:30-8:00am. Campers may go to the park and spend time playing outside in their camper groups before camp begins.

PM Care: Campers are encouraged to bring their own toys, books, etc. for after care. They will be placed in different areas in the gym for a relaxed after-care and will not be allowed to play across camper groupings. Materials will be available for play and will be sanitized afterwards.
Campers remaining after 5:30 will be charged \$5.

Coronavirus Symptoms vs Exposure at Camp

Covid Exposures:

Campers who refuse to be screened at arrival, who display symptoms listed, or who answer yes to any of the screening questions will not be allowed to attend camp.

If a staff member, camper, or anyone in the camper's family has been exposed to Covid-19 outside or at camp, they will not be able to attend camp, and is advised to complete a two-week quarantine.

If a camper or staff in a child's group has tested positive for Covid-19, the staff member and campers in that group will be contacted (the name of the individual will be withheld for confidentiality) and asked to quarantine for 14 days. The remaining camp session(s) will be pro-rated and refunded. Camp will cooperate with the Spokane Regional Health District as needed to reach out to exposed campers from previous weeks as needed.

Covid Symptoms:

We conduct a health screening for symptoms and exposure before campers or staff are allowed to enter our program center. Those who display symptoms listed will not be allowed to attend camp.

To investigate any suspected symptoms of Covid-19 that appear during the camp day, staff will use full PPE- N95 mask, gloves, face shields, and plastic gown. First, staff will address immediate health needs: for example, if severe shortness of breath, calling 911 or taking to urgent care/emergency room. If no emergency or urgent care is required, campers showing symptoms will isolate with two staff wearing full PPE in the off-limits Hostel room while waiting for parents to arrive to pick up.

Anyone sent home with symptoms or who has exhibited symptoms will be unable to return to camp for the duration of that camp week. The remaining camp session(s) will be pro-rated and refunded. Campers must be symptom-free in order to return to camp the next week, if applicable.

Camp Closure will occur if:

A second camper group has been quarantined

OR

Two or more camp staff are out sick with symptoms or have tested positive for Covid-19 at any one time.