

COVID Protocols and FAQs

As we navigate through the waters of new programs and experiences for our kids, we know many questions will arise about summer camp and procedures. We want to give you as much information as possible in order to make the best decision for your campers. First and foremost, please remember that we have been open and serving children, families, and the public for many months. We have gained a great amount of experience and developed effective strategies to reduce the spread of COVID amongst children and staff. We have learned, been guided by, and continue to consult the CDC, the California Department of Public Health, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and the American Camping Association in order to put health and safety at the forefront of all of our decision making. The information below may further assist you in making the best choice for your camper this summer.

HOW WILL THE PROGRAM LOOK DIFFERENT THIS SUMMER?

This summer, in an effort to keep exposures and distance requirements, we will be emphasizing consistent and stable camper and staff groups. These groups will visit a wide variety of activities, with each schedule built with groups' preferences and interests in mind. With a smaller camp size, we are able to still hold onto our same philosophies when it comes to diverse and dynamic programming, and individual (and group) interests will be taken into account when handcrafting camp schedules.

WHAT OTHER CHANGES WILL I SEE ON ARRIVAL?

Campers will be individually health screened when arriving at camp, including temperature checks and a quick interview to assess current health and recent exposure to COVID. Groups will have their own "meeting spot" where they will have a morning greeting and opening with their counselors before beginning activities. Group identities will be at an all-time high this summer, and connections will be quick and powerful. Distance requirements will be in place during all meeting times (including lunch), but campers will still be playing together, creating those incredible summer camp memories together, and will be connected to a larger camp community.

WHY IS KEYSTONE REQUIRING FIVE DAY/WEEK SESSION OPTIONS?

In order to guarantee the consistent groupings mentioned above, we can't have campers coming and going on different camp days. We have strict group and camp maximum enrollment numbers this summer, and in order to minimize additional exposures to campers, we must require attendance for the full session. We absolutely plan on going back to 2-3 day/week options when the time is right in future summers.

I AM WORRIED THAT FIVE DAYS/WEEK MAY BE A LOT FOR MY LITTLE ONE.

We hear you. Five days a week might be a lot for some of our younger campers. While we would love to be able to offer more options for 2-3 day/week schedules, we believe that the consistency is necessary to be able to ensure the health of all of our campers. During our staff training, much of our time together will be spent on how to effectively "take the pulse" of the

group – thinking about times when the group needs to slow down, cool down, grab a quick (or not so quick) water break, or even times when it needs to run more. We will be practicing making decisions together as a group, making compromises about activity schedules and choices, and how to care for each other. Our staff is known to be nurturing, kind, and attentive to all children, and this summer we will be showing this more than ever. We know that each group will be different, and each session will be different, and we will empower our counselors to make schedule changes, take breaks when necessary, and be in tune with the individual and collective needs of their group members. Camp administrators and directors are on grounds, in-sight at all times, and our hands-on approach to constant mentoring and coaching of our staff will lead this to be a positive program for all of our campers.

WILL CAMPERS BE REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS?

At this time, yes. While we would love to envision an environment where campers did not have to wear masks, we are pretty confident that it will still be a necessity this summer. We have all been surprised how quickly kids have adapted to wearing masks, even during outdoor play, and it really hasn't stopped those smiles (even if we can't always see them). Campers will not be required to wear masks when eating lunch, afternoon snack, when needing a distanced "break", and during swimming.

HOW WILL YOU ENSURE THAT CAMPERS ARE WASHING THEIR HANDS?

Health breaks have always been a part of our camp program, with both water and sunscreen offered and supported every 75 minutes. Building in hand sanitization processes during this is both easy and effective in working against the spread of COVID.

WHAT ABOUT BUS TRANSPORTATION THIS SUMMER?

We are happy to be able to offer transportation this summer. Campers will be transported in a professionally driven and sanitized bus, with one camper/seat and cracked windows to ensure proper airflow.

HOW WILL MY CAMPER'S EXPERIENCE BE DIFFERENT THIS SUMMER?

While we are all making modifications and changes during these times, we believe that the Keystone experience you have grown to love and count on will remain the same. Our counselors and staff absolutely creates THE camp experience for all of our campers, and this same care, individualized attention, and personal recognition will lead us into new levels of success as our campers and counselors navigate this new adventure side-by-side.

WILL I BE ABLE TO COME VISIT MY CHILD OR TOUR THE FACILITY

Unfortunately, in order to protect the health of all of our campers, we will not be allowing adult visitations this summer. Remember, we are always just a phone call away, and we will still continue to have the kind of individualized attention you've received from Keystone – including

camper “wellness checks”, phone conversations with individual counselors, and an administrative staff always available via email or phone for concerns or feedback.

WHAT WILL THE DAILY HEALTH SCREENING CONSIST OF?

Like most school settings Keystone will be requiring a daily and individual health screening. Temperature checks will be given upon arrival, and campers will be asked a series of questions about their current health and recent exposure to COVID. More information about both home and on-grounds health screening will be a part of our PARENT HEALTH AND SAFETY AGREEMENT sent out in May.

WILL YOU OPEN IF NOT RECOMMENDED BY LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS?

While we have nothing but positive indicators that we will be able to open with our current plan, we absolutely will not open if not permitted by county health officials.

OTHER QUESTIONS.

What if I have a question that still isn't answered? Don't worry – we're here to help! Please email us at info@campkeystone.com , give us a call at 818-889-2224, OR fill out a form on our contact page [here](#). We love hearing from returning AND prospective camp families, and are ALWAYS here for you!!

[Click here](#) to view the Reopening Protocol for Day Camps from Los Angeles County.