

Zephyr Point Programs: Summer 2022

COVID-19 Health & Safety Plan

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WITH THE APPROACH OF SUMMER 2022, IT IS OUR FOREMOST PRIORITY TO CREATE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO KEEP ALL OF OUR PARTICIPANTS SAFE.

For nearly two years, we as a global collective have weathered the COVID-19 pandemic. Our lives have been turned upside down as we have navigated shut downs, social distancing, and the shift to an increasingly digital world. Some of us have experienced (or are still experiencing) firsthand the health effects of this virus in our own family units. While we celebrate the upward trajectory of vaccination rates and downward slope of daily cases, it is still our foremost priority to center the health and safety of all of our guests as the pandemic continues. Read on to see how we are preparing for your arrival this summer.

Opening all of our programs for Summer 2022 requires creativity, logistical effort, and commitment on behalf of both Zephyr Point staff and program participants, and we thank you in advance for your commitment to keeping our community safe.

All of the following policies are based on recommendations and directives from the following agencies and organizations:

- Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
- State of Nevada Declarations and Guidance
- Douglas County Department of Health and Human Services
- American Camping Association (ACA)

Of course, these guidelines are subject to change as the pandemic shifts, so please plan to check back for revisions of this safety plan between now and the week prior to your scheduled program (the date at the top of the document will indicate the last revision). Any major policy changes will be sent directly to registrants.

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Culture of Care

In order for Zephyr Point programs to operate in the midst of a pandemic, it is of the utmost importance that all of us create and commit to a **Culture of Care**. This means that we enter into a covenant together to follow all the safety policies and procedures in order to keep one another safe. Because we are only as strong as our weakest link, it is **essential** that we uphold the highest standards for one another. Zephyr Point is committed to meeting the needs of the most vulnerable and most risk-averse in our community. That way, our programs are available for the largest number of participants. *All Summer 2022 program participants are asked to commit to meeting the highest standards for one another's comfort, despite their personal views on COVID-19, their different comfort levels, or their individual risk thresholds.* These are the commitments we make to one another to create a Culture of Care:

Program Participants' Commitment

- Abide by all Zephyr Point COVID-19 policies and protocols for the program that my child or I plan to attend, understanding that they are informed by the latest federal, state, and county guidelines
- Communicate with Zephyr Point openly about my questions and any public health concerns that may arise between registration and participation
- Make every effort in the 7 days prior to and during their time at Zephyr Point to limit contact to only those in your household or “cohort”

Zephyr Point's Commitment

- Maintain clear and open communication regarding COVID-19 policies, protocols, and positive cases should they occur
- Establishing strict and reasonable standards of safety based on the latest federal, state, and county guidelines
- Meticulous adherence to all safety policies and procedures as promised
- Promise that all staff will also adhere to the safety measures outlined above

Youth & Family Camps (Camp Zephyr, High Camp, Family Camp, Basecamp)

Is it possible to run camp safely?

Camp is not a risk-free environment, but increased safety procedures and policies have been created to minimize risk and provide campers with a great summer camp experience. During Summer 2021, we were able to successfully orchestrate seven fun weeks of our Camp Zephyr Day Camp program, but made the hard decision not to host our overnight camps. With continued research and in consultation with the latest public health recommendations for Summer 2022, we are confident that with accommodations, we will be able to pull off a safe summer camp experience for both day and overnight camp offerings.

COVID-19 Vaccination Status Requirements

Vaccination remains the safest and most effective way to stop the spread of COVID-19. The CDC recommends that everyone 5 years and older get fully vaccinated against COVID-19. COVID-19 vaccinations are widely available for all individuals over the age of 5 years old. See [COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens](#) for more information.

In line with the CDC recommendations, Zephyr Point *strongly* recommends that all campers are fully vaccinated before attending camp. However, due to the differing risk levels for various camp programs at Zephyr Point, vaccination requirements vary between day camp and overnight camp offerings.

Camp Zephyr Day Camp Vaccine Policy:

Data shows that the risk of transmitting the COVID-19 virus in an outdoor environment like Zephyr Point is extremely low for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals alike. With this in mind, Camp Zephyr will run *entirely* outdoors and with physical distancing protocols in place. **Therefore, proof of vaccination status will not be required for Day Camp participants.**

Overnight Camps (High Camps, Family Camp, Basecamps) Vaccine Policy:

All overnight campers over 5 years of age must do one of the following *before* camp arrival:

- 1) Have received the second dose of a 2-dose vaccine series (Pfizer & Moderna) or 1 dose of a single-dose vaccine (J&J) *in the last 6 months* OR have received a booster of any vaccine
- 2) Receive a negative PCR molecular test result (not an antigen test result) administered within 72 hours of camp arrival. **Make a plan now on how to**

schedule a PCR test in the 72 hours (about 3 days) prior to arrival at Zephyr Point

3) Present “Documentation of Recovery” from COVID-19 in the last 90 days. “Documentation of Recovery” is achieved through the presentation of positive test results within the last 90 days and a letter from their healthcare provider that states that the camper is cleared to end isolation and is cleared for camp. Both the proof of positive test and letter together must be presented.

Proof of vaccination (vaccinated campers) OR negative PCR test/Documentation of Recovery (unvaccinated campers) must be presented to the Camp Nurse upon arrival to camp. Failure to procure a PCR test result within 72 hours of arrival will not be grounds for refund of registration fee.

Other Health and Safety Protocols (All Camps)

Daily Health Screening:

Each camper will receive a daily health screening conducted by the Camp Nurse or other Zephyr Point staff. This screen will take place upon arrival at Zephyr Point (Day Camp/Overnight Camps), at the van pickup location for those receiving transportation to camp (Day Camp), or at breakfast each morning (Overnight Camps). The camper’s temperature will be recorded and they will be asked the following questions:

1. Have you had any COVID-19 symptoms in the last 14 days (fever, headache, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, nausea, diarrhea, vomiting, muscle aches, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, etc.)?
2. Have you been in close contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with, been tested for, or been quarantined as a result COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

Physical Distancing:

Upon arrival at camp, campers will be split into a cohort of up to 10 other campers and one Lead Counselor. This cohort will spend the majority of the day together, and campers will be encouraged to remain 3 feet apart when within these cohorts. When engaging with other cohorts, a distance of 6ft will be maintained. When a distance of 3-6ft is not possible, campers will be asked to wear their masks. Additionally, we will do our best to craft activities and events that are in compliance with physical distancing guidelines.

Masking:

CDC guidelines state that individuals regardless of vaccination status do not need to wear masks when outdoors unless you are in an area of high community transmission.

Therefore, **masks will not be required while outdoors as long as campers are able to maintain a distance of 3ft from one another.** If positivity rates rise to the “high transmission” category before the start of camp, this policy will be revised.

Campers will be asked to wear a mask securely around their nose and mouth when entering any indoor facilities, including bathrooms. Please ensure that all campers have at least one mask that they can use in these instances. If circumstances require us to transition to a fully indoor environment (ex: smoke, extreme weather, etc.), all campers will be required to wear a mask for the duration of their time indoors with the exception of when they are actively eating or drinking.

If a camper has a health condition that makes them unable to wear a mask, please indicate this in the medical form (to be sent via email 1 month before the start of camp) and plan to provide accompanying documentation from their healthcare provider approving this exemption at check-in on the first day of camp.

Sanitation and Disinfection Protocols:

Handwashing & Sanitation: All campers will be invited to participate in a hand washing and sanitization protocol between each activity period. EPA-approved hand sanitizing stations will be located at every activity area.

Water Fountains: Campers are encouraged to bring their own water bottle to minimize use of shared water fountains

Surface Disinfection: EPA-approved soaps, disinfectants, and sanitizers will be used to clean and disinfect all activities areas between group periods.

Camp Staff Readiness:

Vaccinations: All Summer Staff will be required to be fully vaccinated and boosted before arrival at camp.

Daily Screening: Staff members will receive the same screening protocol as campers each morning.

Enhanced Training: All camp staff will receive added training on safety, best practices, policies, and procedures around health and safety.

Camp Nurse: Each week, a volunteer nurse will join the staff to perform daily symptom screenings and to provide care in the case that campers develop symptoms of COVID-19.

Weekly Testing: Staff members will be encouraged to take a COVID-19 test once per week.

Adult Summer Programs (Artists' Retreats, Summer Sing, Tuning @ Tahoe, Handbells, Art of Transitional Ministry)

Adult Summer Programs at Zephyr Point bring together individuals from a wide variety of backgrounds, interests, and geographic areas for a week where they can encounter God through education, exploration, and inspiration. Each of these individual programs is developed in partnership between Zephyr Point staff and the leadership teams for each program. As your program approaches, we will develop guidelines and policies relevant to the specific needs of your group. The policies below outline the *minimum* requirements for all adult programs at Zephyr Point. **Please keep in mind that stricter regulations may be required for your program. We will do our best to notify you of these modifications as soon as they are established by Zephyr Point staff and the leadership team.**

COVID-19 Vaccination Status Requirements

Vaccination remains the safest and most effective way to stop the spread of COVID-19. The CDC recommends that everyone 5 years and older get fully vaccinated against COVID-19. COVID-19 vaccinations are widely available for all individuals over the age of 5 years old. For more information on COVID-19 vaccines, visit the [CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Home Page](#).

In line with the CDC recommendations, Zephyr Point *strongly recommends* that all participants are fully vaccinated before program participation.

In order to ensure a Culture of Care, we encourage all program participants to meet one of the following criteria *before* arrival:

- 1) Have received the second dose of a 2-dose vaccine series (Pfizer & Moderna) or 1 dose of a single-dose vaccine (J&J) in the last 6 months OR have received a booster of any vaccine
- 2) Receive a negative PCR molecular test result (not an antigen test result) administered within 72 hours of arrival.
- 3) Have been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past 90 days and receive clearance to end isolation from a healthcare provider

At this time, we do *not* anticipate that participants will be asked to show proof of vaccination (vaccinated participants) OR negative PCR test/Documentation of Recovery (unvaccinated participants) upon arrival at Zephyr Point. That said, Zephyr Point staff will keep track of the latest federal, state, and local recommendations as the pandemic continues, and may be required to adjust this recommendation to a requirement at a later time. Either way, we do hope that participants will take these

recommendations seriously in order to ensure the health and safety of all Zephyr Point staff and program participants, and will prepare to meet one of these qualifications before their week of participation.

Other Health and Safety Protocols (Adult Programs)

Masking:

The large majority of Adult Program activities take place inside our conference facilities. All participants over the age of 3 will be required to wear a mask securely around their nose and mouth when indoors, except while eating or sleeping. If a participant has a health condition that makes them unable to wear a mask, please plan to provide accompanying documentation from their healthcare provider approving this exemption at check-in upon arrival at Zephyr Point.

CDC guidelines state that individuals regardless of vaccination status do not need to wear masks when outdoors unless you are in an area of high community transmission. Therefore, **masks will not be required while outdoors**. If positivity rates rise to the “high transmission” category in Douglas County, NV before the start of your event, this policy will be revised.

Physical Distancing:

Zephyr Point staff in partnership with program leaders will do our best to accommodate 3-6ft distance when setting up indoor meeting spaces for adult programs. When possible, windows and doors will be kept open to maximize air circulation.

While the dining halls will likely be full at mealtime, limited tables will be made available for guests who would prefer to eat outdoors.

Sanitation and Disinfection Protocols:

Handwashing & Sanitation: All are encouraged to practice good hand washing and sanitization protocol throughout their stay at Zephyr Point. EPA-approved hand sanitizing stations will be located in each meeting room.

Surface Disinfection: EPA-approved soaps, disinfectants, and sanitizers will be used by Zephyr Point housekeeping staff to clean and disinfect all activities areas between group periods.

Housekeeping: Daily housekeeping services in individual rooms will not be provided. Extra towels and linens will be available upon request.

Frequently Asked Questions

What happens if a participant or staff member develops COVID-19-like symptoms while at camp?

A space will be set aside specifically for isolating symptomatic participants. After relocating to the isolation space, they will be assessed by the Camp Nurse, tested if tests are available, and likely asked to return home. If a counselor has to go home, we will call in a substitute.

What happens if there is a positive case of COVID-19 in my program?

If we encounter this unfortunate situation, we will let every participant that week know if there's a positive diagnosis, and they will be given further information about next steps (suggested quarantine procedures, testing, etc.). Without violating confidentiality, we will be as clear and quick with our communication as possible.

What happens if Zephyr Point is required by officials to cancel summer programs?

If we are forced to cancel camp or adult programs due to the recommendation of local jurisdictions or if we make a safety call based on the guidance of experts, we will let everyone know as soon as possible. In this case, everyone will have the option for a full refund.

What do I do if I am unable to receive a negative PCR test within 3 days of arrival?

All unvaccinated youth campers participating in an overnight camp are required to receive results of a negative PCR COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of arrival at camp. If you do not get results in time, please let us know. If you would like to bring your camper late after receiving negative test results, we would be happy to have them.

If the PCR test results come back positive, please plan to keep your camper home. In this case, the camper will have two options 1) Register for another camp experience in Summer 2022, assuming they receive clearance to end isolation from their healthcare provider. If the registration fee for the new program is higher, you will be required to pay the outstanding balance, 2) They may transfer 50% of the cost of camp towards registration fee for a program in Summer 2023. Please reach out to the Program Department at Zephyr Point to discuss your options.

Can I cancel my registration due to COVID-19 concerns and receive a refund?

No. The only circumstance under which you will receive a full refund of your registration fee is if Zephyr Point is required to cancel camp. Partial Refunds or transfers may be granted in the following instances:

Cancellation more than 4 weeks in advance of program start date: If you cancel more than 4 weeks prior to camp, you will lose your non-refundable deposit, but will not be required to pay your remaining balance.

Cancellation less than 4 weeks in advance of program start date: You will be eligible to transfer 100% of the cost of the program to another Summer 2022 program (you will be responsible for paying the difference in cost between programs if the registration fee for the new program is higher); OR you may transfer 50% of the cost to a Summer 2023 program.

Test positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of program start date: You will be eligible to transfer 100% of the cost of the program to another Summer 2022 program (you will be responsible for paying the difference in cost between programs if the new program is more expensive); OR you may transfer 50% of the cost to a Summer 2023 program.

Do Family Camp participants who are ineligible for vaccination (under 5 years of age) need to receive a negative test within 72 hours of arrival?

No. Only participants who are over 5 years of age will be held to the vaccination/testing requirement upon arrival.

In Summary

As mutual stakeholders of Zephyr Point, it is essential that we work together to create a Culture of Care as outlined in this Safety Plan in order to celebrate the life, health, and wellness of all who make their way to our shores.

We will continue to consult the Camp Nurse, PCCCA, and ACA regarding this Safety Plan. The date at the top of this document lets you know when the most recent edits have been made. We encourage you to check it as often as you would like. However, if there are substantial changes or updates, we will email the primary contact of all registered participants. Thank you, for your patience and understanding of this delicate situation.

Sources

[CDC Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People](#)

[CDC Guidance for Operating Youth Camps](#)

[American Camp Association \(ACA\) Field Guide For Camps](#)

For More Information...

For the latest COVID-19 Recommendations, visit:

[Centers for Disease Control COVID-19 Homepage](#)

[Centers for Disease Control COVID-19 Vaccination Index](#)

[State of Nevada Resources Related to COVID-19](#)

[Douglas County COVID-19 Community Resources](#)