

Summer 2021 Youth Camp Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in Howard County Recreation & Parks Summer Camps. In an effort to provide safe and enjoyable Camp experiences, all Camp staff and Camp sites will adhere to the following guidelines and precautions. Please note that as COVID guidelines and recommendations change, HCRP and staff may be updating this list and will be working closely with all State and local government Officials and Agencies.

- If there is more than one camp at a location, check-in/out may be at different areas of the park/facility. Please see camp letter/email for specific check-in/out details.
- Sign in/out table, chairs, tent (if necessary) will be set up for check-in/out.
- When parents/guardians and campers arrive, they should maintain social distancing when waiting to check-in.
- There will be daily COVID-19 exposure questions, asked to each staff member and camper (with parent/guardian).
- Parents/guardians do need to sign their child in and out of the camp.
- Parents/guardians can approach the check-in table, they should not enter the pavilion/camper meeting area – they will be given an information sheet at check in with Director’s name, center contact information etc. or received via camp letter/email beforehand.
- Parents/guardians give the staff member stationed at the check-in table the necessary paperwork for the camp/program.
- Parents/guardians are not permitted into the program area/pavilion.
- Staff take the child into the pavilion/program area.
- School based indoor camps require face coverings for staff and campers (2 years and older). Non-school based indoor camps require face coverings for staff and campers (5 years and older) with face coverings recommended for campers 2 to 4 years old.
- For Summer Blast (licensed childcare camp) all staff and campers are required to wear a face covering, there will be daily COVID-19 symptom checks for staff and campers to include temperature checks and COVID-19 exposure questions.
- For outdoor camps, face coverings are recommended but not required. Staff, campers and visitors should wear a face covering when outdoors and can’t physical distance.
- Campers need to bring their own filled water-bottle. Water coolers will be available.
- When parents/guardians arrive to pick up their child, they should maintain social distancing when waiting to check their child out.