

# 2021 Summer Day Camp Reopening Plan



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## **Introduction to the Reopening Plan**

We are excited to reopen the Summer Day Camp program for in-person activities for 2021. Our Day Camp program is more important than ever for Linden's youth for several reasons: Giving children the opportunity to socialize, providing working parents with safe childcare, and providing an opportunity for children to have a routine and return to a sense of normalcy (Lupert, 2021, Par. 6-7). However, the main priority is the health and safety of our participants. By combining these elements, we aim for our participants have a safe, enjoyable, and transformative experience in the parks and facilities of the City of Linden.

The Day Camp Reopening Plan is guided by the [New Jersey 2021 COVID-19 Youth Summer Camp Standards Guidelines](#). Thus, please note that this plan is tentative and may be changed at any time based on updated guidance from the appropriate authorities.

## **Positive COVID-19 Cases**

If the Department of Parks and Recreation learns that a participant, staff member, or visitor tests positive for COVID-19, then the Day Camp/Playground Coordinator, Day Camp/Playground Deputy Coordinator, or an assigned designee will immediately notify the New Jersey Department of Health-Youth Camp Project, local health officials, staff and families of a confirmed case while maintaining confidentiality. Contact tracing will be conducted, and quarantining may be required as per CDC guidelines and under the guidance of the proper authorities.

## **Drinking Water**

Participants will not be permitted to use water fountains. All participants must arrive to the Day Camp facility with enough water to last the entire day.

## **Cleaning**

All cleaning and disinfection procedures conducted by staff will use EPA approved disinfectants and follow [CDC guidance](#).

If a day camp or playground is closed due to identification of positive case(s), as recommended by the New Jersey Department of Health Communicable Disease Service, then the facility will undergo a deep cleaning as per CDC Guidelines.

## **Ventilation**

Ventilation will be maintained as per pg. 7 of the New Jersey 2021 COVID-19 Youth Summer Camp Standards Guidelines.

## **Pre-Operational Inspection**

Prior to the first day of the program, the City of Linden Board of Health will conduct a Pre-Operational Inspection for each day camp facility.

## **Health Director**

Each Day Camp Director will also serve as the Health Director. The Health Director must be certified in CPR and standard-level First Aid.

## **Screening and Admittance**

Any participant with a fever of 100.4° or above or other signs of COVID-19 illness should not be admitted to the camp. At home, parents should check for COVID-19 symptoms and keep their child home, when they are sick. At the camp site, staff should monitor campers for COVID-19 symptoms, throughout the camp day.

Upon entering the camp facility, campers, staff, and visitors will be screened for fever or signs of COVID-19 illness prior being permitted to enter the facility or participate in camp programming. A temperature check will be administered to screen for a fever.

Symptoms related to COVID-19 include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Daily health surveillance screening for campers, staff, and visitors will be conducted and results documented when signs and symptoms of illness are observed.

Any visitor who is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms will not be permitted entry into the camp facility. Visitors will be required to sign in and sign out of the camp facility for contact tracing purposes.

Parents, guardians, and caretakers that are engaged in sign-in or sign-out procedures are not considered visitors. Parents, guardians, and caretakers are required wear a face covering and remain at least six feet from each other when signing in and signing out.

## **Groupings**

Parents/Guardians may make requests for campers to be placed in the same group. Parents/Guardians of all campers involved must participate in the request. All requests must be received by **Monday, June 21, 2021**. Any requests received after this date will not be approved.

Campers will be placed in groups of no more than 10 campers prior to the first day of camp. Groups will remain for the entirety of the program.

As an indoor/outdoor camp, groups shall stay together and if interactions with other groups occur, social distancing must be maintained between groups.

### **Face Coverings and Gloves**

All staff, campers, and visitors shall, at minimum, wear cloth face coverings at all times with the following exceptions:

- Snacks and lunches
- Outdoor play where all individuals maintain a distance of at least 6 feet.
- Wearing a face covering would inhibit the health of the individual. For this exception to be applied, then a doctor's note must be supplied and on file.

All staff, campers, and visitors are responsible for supplying their own face coverings and having extras, in the event that a face covering breaks, becomes dirty, or is otherwise unable to be used. Each camp facility will have face coverings for emergency use.

In the event that a camper needs assistance opening food or drinks, staff members will wear gloves. Gloves will be provided by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

All campers and staff should wash their hands or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, regularly. All campers and staff are highly recommended to bring traveling hand sanitizer bottles with at least 60% alcohol for personal use.

### **Snacks and Lunches**

Campers will be required to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol prior to eating. All campers will be spaced at least six feet apart for snacks and lunches. Tables and chairs utilized for snacks and lunches must be cleaned and sanitized before and after each use. In the event that the camp facility does not provide enough space for all campers to have snacks and lunches simultaneously, then the camp will have a staggered snack and lunch schedule that meets the needs of the camp.

Staff will assign seats for snacks and lunches and maintain a seating chart. These seats will remain for the entirety of the program.

In the event that a camper needs assistance opening food or drinks, staff members will wear gloves. Gloves will be provided by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

### **Cleaning and Bathrooms**

All supplies, equipment, and tables will be cleaned regularly throughout the day, including before and after use. All cleaning and disinfection procedures conducted by staff will use EPA approved disinfectants and follow [CDC guidance](#).

Camp facilities that utilize Port-o-Potties will receive daily cleaning from the contractor. Camp facilities that utilize indoor bathrooms will receive daily cleaning from the City of Linden. Between cleanings, campers are responsible for cleaning their area to the best of their ability. Additionally, staff will periodically check and maintain Port-o-Potties and bathrooms to ensure safety and cleanliness.

**Isolation Area**

Each camp facility will have an area designated solely as an isolation area, in the event that a camper experiences COVID-19 symptoms. After consulting with the Day Camp/Playground Coordinator or an assigned designee, the Day Camp Director will call the camper’s parents/guardians, state the exact symptoms that the camper has, and inform them that the camper must be picked up, immediately. The camper can return to camp when they clear isolation or receive a negative COVID-19 test.

**Moving Camps Inside/Outside**

Indoor facilities are used in the event of rain or extreme heat. When moving from outside to inside or vice versa, each group will travel one-at-a-time while maintaining social distancing.

**Alternative Locations**

In the event that school buildings experience COVID-19 related closures during the summer, the following table illustrates alternative locations for each day camp:

<b>Camp</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Alternative Location (if Applicable)</b>
Kiddie	Peach Orchard Park/School #4	John T. Gregorio Recreation Center
Al Kalla	Al Kalla Park/School #10	Dobson Park/PAL
McGillvray/Special Needs	McGillvray Park/8 <sup>th</sup> Ward Recreation Center	N/A
Tremley	Memorial Park/7 <sup>th</sup> Ward Recreation Center	N/A
McManus	McManus Park/McManus Middle School	Wilson Park

**Trips**

There will be no field trips outside the City of Linden during the 2021 Summer Day Camp program. In the event that there are field trips within the City of Linden during the 2021 Summer Day Camp program, all campers and staff will have assigned seats, as documented through seating charts, for contact tracing purposes. To ensure social distancing, each individual will have their own seat. When possible, rows will be skipped. Staff are responsible for documenting the bus number and learning the name of the bus driver. Windows will be open, except in the event of inclement weather, to encourage ventilation. Buses will be cleaned and disinfected between each use.

## **Camp Closures, Quarantines, and Refunds**

In the event that campers are directed to quarantine, refunds will be issued on a per-day basis.

### **Fun Day**

Each day camp will conduct its own individual Fun Day.

### **Final Remarks**

The Department of Parks and Recreation hopes that this reopening plan provides you with the information that you need, in regard to the Reopening Plan for the 2021 Day Camp/Playground program. For additional information, please refer to the contact information below:

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<https://www.nj.com/opinion/2021/03/new-jerseys-camps-can-open-children-will-need-them-more-than-ever-before-opinion.html>

### **Resources**

New Jersey 2021 COVID-19 Youth Summer Camp Standards Guidelines:

<https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/documents/phss/2021%20Youth%20Camp%20Standards%204-28-21.pdf>

Youth Camp Daily Log of Camper and Staff COVID-19 Entry Health Screening:

[https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/documents/phss/Youth\\_Camp\\_Screening\\_Form.pdf](https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/documents/phss/Youth_Camp_Screening_Form.pdf)

CDC Suggestions for Youth and Summer Camps

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html>

## **In Memoriam**

The 2021 Summer Day Camp program is dedicated to the memory of Nancy Braxton, former Recreation Supervisor.

