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## Seton Day Camp Mask and Covid Prevention Updates

Parents and Guardians of our Seton Day Camp Participants.

The Greenwich Council BSA has been reviewing and discussing the ever-changing guidelines for the use of Masks in an effort to keep Covid 19 from entering our camp. We are always looking out for the safety and health of our campers and staff as this is first and foremost our priority. Having said this we have reviewed the existing mask policy and want to make sure that all are aware of efforts to keep our campers from being exposed to Covid.

The State of Connecticut has issued a policy that all participants must wear mask anytime they are indoors. They removed this restriction for outdoors. Having stated this, they also refer to the CDC guidelines for additional guidance. The Greenwich council has reviewed these policies from the CDC, specifically, the "Guidance for Operating Youth Camps". We are continuing to adhere to the following recommendations:

- Cohorts
  - "Cohorts (or "pods") are small groups of campers and staff who stay together throughout the day to minimize exposure to other people while at camp. Cohorts should have the same staff stay with the same group of campers and remain together as much as possible for the duration of camp. The use of cohorts can limit spread of the virus that causes COVID-19 between small groups but should not replace other prevention measures within each group, including wearing masks. Campers and staff in the same cohort who are not fully vaccinated should continue to wear masks"
  - Campers are being placed into smaller groups that will travel throughout the day and stay together throughout the week. They will continue to participate in all of the activities in a cohort lead by 2 councilors
- Physical Distancing
  - The CDC is recommending staying 6 feet from people that are not in your own household. The State of Ct is recommending 3 feet, as we do as well.
  - The CDC recommends the following
    - At least 3 feet between all campers within a cohort
    - At least 6 feet between all campers outside of their cohort
    - At least 6 feet while eating and drinking without a mask indoors, including among people within the same cohort
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- Cleaning
  - Frequent cleaning of the high touch areas.

- Hand washing
  - Consistent hand washing and when that is not available, hand sanitizer is available for the campers to clean their hands.
- Mask Wearing
  - “When people who are not fully vaccinated wear a mask correctly, they protect others as well as themselves. Consistent and correct mask use by people who are not fully vaccinated is especially important indoors and in crowded settings, when physical distancing cannot be maintained.”
  - Indoors
    - Mandatory by the State of CT
  - Outdoors
    - “In general, people do not need to wear masks when outdoors. “
    - “people who are not fully vaccinated are encouraged to wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings or during activities that involve sustained close contact with other people who are not fully vaccinated.”

“Camps may also choose to continue to require masks for vaccinated and not fully vaccinated campers and staff in order to adhere to prevention strategies when it is difficult to tell who has been vaccinated or to set an example for not fully vaccinated campers. “

#### Additional guidance

- “When you wear a mask, you protect others as well as yourself. Masks work best when everyone wears one.”
- “A mask is NOT a substitute for social distancing. Masks should still be worn in addition to staying at least 6 feet apart, especially when indoors around people who don’t live in your household.”

Having mentioned all of the information that we have above, our policies are as follows.

- Campers and staff will wear masks at times of high interaction with multiple people examples:
  - Check-in and check out
  - Flag Ceremony
  - Indoors as required by the State of CT.
  - Close contact in programs that may restrict appropriate social distancing (example – one on one instruction in an area)
- Where can My Camper not wear their mask?
  - When they are social distancing and moving along trails to the various program areas.
  - Program areas outdoors that allow for appropriate social distancing outdoors
  - Field sports programs
  - Pool

- Lunch
- Climbing tower or bouldering wall when participating
- When the frequent Mask breaks are granted throughout the day. (Social distancing needs to be followed at this point)

We hope this clears up some of the questions and concerns. We have looked at many different camps and what they are currently doing. We have researched information and are making the decisions based on that information obtained. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to seeing you this summer at camp.