



Ranch Camp 2021 Parent Handbook COVID-19 Addendum

SUMMER 2021 AT A GLANCE

JCC Ranch Camp has every intention, with permission of regulatory agencies and a continued downward trend in COVID-related infections, to resume 'normal' camp operations this summer. This means we will be operating on-site, with appropriate restrictions and non-pharmaceutical interventions in place.

This file will serve as a way to communicate to families our plans surrounding safety in both getting to and from camp, while at camp, and in health-related scenarios.

This document has been developed with and shall be updated alongside our administration at the JCC, our medical committee, and lay leadership; ensuring that we are considering as many avenues as possible. Currently implemented practices, as well as practices that will inevitably be added to our protocols, are and shall continue to be, driven by facts from science and data provided by the CDC, ACA (American Camp Association), and by members of our medical committee. It will serve as a living checklist of processes for COVID that we will continue to update and share with our community.

To stay as up-to-date as possible, parents should be attentive to email communication that comes in as each session begins. This will have the most recent regulations and requirements, which may change and evolve as needed to meet the shifting landscape of the world we currently live in.

Know that, despite the challenges we face in 2021 – the tenets and values that form the foundations of the camp experience are not going away. We will continue to prioritize making camp an accessible experience for youth from all walks of life, no matter who you are, where you're from, how you look or sound; this is a place where everyone can find a home, and a friend.

We truly appreciate your patience, understanding, and partnership going into a summer that, in many ways, will be unforgettable. Coming off the back of an extremely successful summer in 2019, to a virtual summer in 2020, we look ahead to 2021 as a time for our community to come back together, get off screens and enjoy the company of good friends in the outdoors. If you have any questions about this document, camp in general, or just want to chat, give us a call.

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ASSUMPTIONS

1. Camps will be a safe environment to operate.
 - a. Our partnership with you is based on trust and transparency. If more aggressive strains of the virus are present, or if infections rise locally to an unacceptable rate, we will adjust our operations accordingly. This may mean canceling or delaying programs. Our priority has been and must continue to be keeping kids and our community safe.
2. COVID-19 is active in our communities and affects our lives.
 - a. Although there has been significant progress in the fight against COVID-19, our assumption going into summer is that it will still be active in our world.
3. Local, state, and federal regulatory agencies will allow us to operate.
 - a. We were not directed to close camp in 2020. We elected not to run camp as we felt we did not have the information we needed to keep kids as safe as possible at camp. Albeit unlikely that we will see regulatory agencies deny us operating privileges for 2021, it must be considered.
4. **CONFIRMED:** Pediatric vaccinations are available.
 - a. Children aged 12 and older are now eligible to receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. We are encouraging all campers who are eligible to be vaccinated to do so.
5. **CONFIRMED:** At-home COVID-19 testing is readily available and affordable.
 - a. Testing upon arrival, as well as during the camp experience, will be critical to our plans to open safely. We will also be requiring pre-testing in the time leading up to camp.
6. **CONFIRMED:** Flexible Ps.
 - a. Policies, practices, protocols, and procedures are all bound to change. We realize what we are asking of you as parents, and want to make sure that any changes to camp life give you enough time to make decisions about your child's camp experience.
7. **CONFIRMED:** Staff will have the option to be vaccinated.
 - a. While we cannot mandate the COVID vaccines, we strongly encourage our staff interacting directly with youth at camp to get vaccinated +2 weeks before their arrival to camp.

NEW ENGLISH

- **Confirmed case** – Someone who tests positive
- **Probable case** – Someone with two or more COVID related symptoms
- **Contact tracing** – Who did person X have close contact with over period Y?
- **Contact** - Contact is defined by CDC as being within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over 24 hours starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days before test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated
- **Exposure** – Contact with a person with COVID-19 who has symptoms (in the period from 2 days before symptom onset until they meet criteria for discontinuing home isolation; can be laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness)
- **OR...**
- **Exposure** – Contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 (laboratory-confirmed) but has not had any symptoms (in the 2 days before the date of specimen collection until they meet the criteria for discontinuing home isolation).
- **Cohorts** – Individual cabins of campers that will accompany each other throughout the day
- **PCR testing** – Gold standard of testing. Molecular. Lab-tested. Has a longer turnaround.
- **Antigen testing** – Fastest method of testing. Results within 15 minutes. Less accurate.
- **Symptomatic** – Two or more of the following symptoms: fever or chills, nasal congestion or runny nose, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, headache, muscle aches or body aches, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, poor feeding or poor appetite, the new loss of taste or smell, belly pain
- **NPI** – Non-pharmaceutical intervention. Methods of operating to reduce COVID impact on the community

TRAVEL TO CAMP

Getting campers and staff to camp in a safe and controlled manner is critical to keeping COVID-19 out of our community as much as possible. Our best bet is to stop COVID from coming in the front gate at all, through any risk vector possible.

This summer, either you will be dropping your child off at camp or we will be picking them up from the airport. **There will be no coach bus from DJDS as in years past.**

1. **On arrival, all campers (even those who have been vaccinated) will be required to proof of a negative PCR COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of their arrival at camp.** Campers who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 within 90 days of their arrival at camp will need to show documented proof of recovery signed by a doctor. You should bring a hard copy of these results and upload them into your CampInTouch portal.
2. We recommend that in the fourteen days leading up to arrival day at camp, that contact be limited to immediate family members. We respectfully request that staff, parents, and campers are considerate and cautious of activity choices. Limit attendance of large gatherings and do your best to remain consolidated as a single household. If you need to interact with others outside of your primary household, we ask that you wear a face-covering that covers both your mouth and nose. If in the two weeks leading up to camp, someone in your household has a positive COVID-19 test or is exposed to someone who has tested positive: We ask that you contact us ***immediately.***
3. Arrival will be tiered by age bracket. Drop-off will begin at 10 AM and go until 2:30 PM. Parents should pay attention to pre-camp emails for the most up-to-date arrival information. **A tentative arrival schedule is below** (families with siblings should plan to arrive in the earlier window):
 - a. Chalutzim and ITs: 10:00 – 11:30 AM MST
 - i. Mini campers and ITs: 10:00 – 10:45 AM MST
 - ii. Youngest campers: 10:45 – 11:30 AM MST
 - b. Metapsim: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
 - i. 5th grade campers: 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM MST
 - ii. 6th grade campers: 12:15 – 1:00 PM MST
 - c. Toshavim & Tiyulim: 1:00 – 2:30 PM
 - i. 7th and 8th grade campers: 1:00 – 1:45 PM MST
 - ii. 9th, 10th, and 11th grade campers: 1:45 – 2:30 PM MST
4. **Upon camper arrival at camp, parents/guardians will be required to display your child's negative PCR test results to staff. Campers will be tested again on arrival with BD Rapid Antigen testing kits or rapid PCR testing kit. Anyone arriving on-site without a negative PCR test results will be sent home to be tested and will be able to return when they receive their results.**
5. During this time, parents/guardians will need to stay with their vehicle and will not be allowed into the bunks, dining hall, or any program spaces at camp. In future years, we hope to welcome you back to visit and explore camp with your child.
6. The first 72 hours of camp will be spent exclusively in bunk cohorts, including meals and evening programs. This will help us more accurately monitor the individual health of smaller groups and control any unforeseen exposure risks that have snuck through our arrival controls. This will mirror previous years where the majority of the first day is spent bonding with immediate peers in the bunk.

7. After 72 hours at camp, all community members will again be tested with PCR tests to determine that our community health practices are limiting the entry and spread of COVID-19 into our community.

ARRIVAL LOGISTICS – FLYING IN

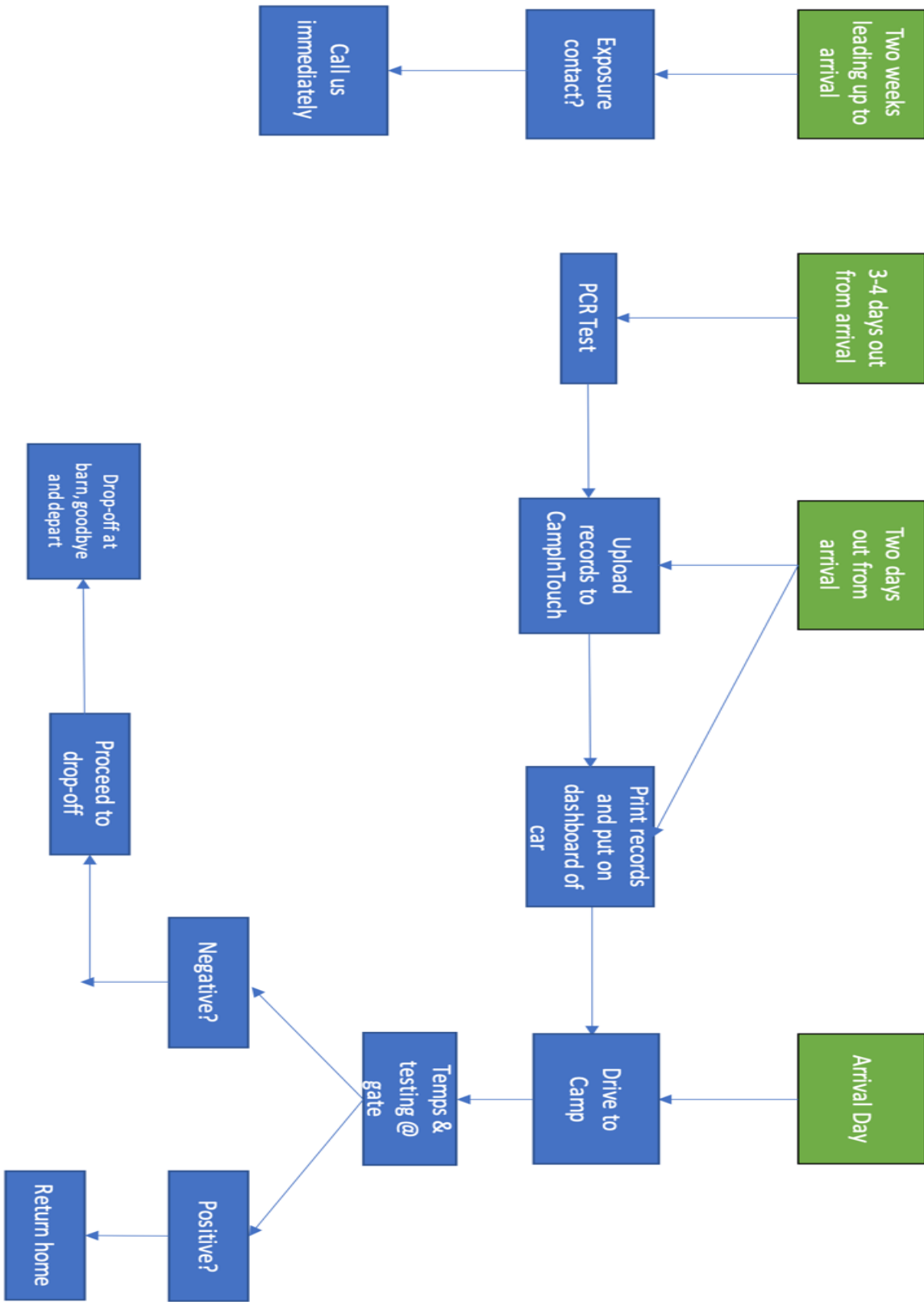
While flying in has inherent risks associated from a COVID-19 perspective, we are doing everything we can to help you get your camper to camp safely this summer.

Flights should arrive at Denver International Airport between 11 AM and 1 PM. We will be picking campers up from the airport in turtle top buses. Campers will be sat at a minimum distance of 1 per row, with more distance where it allows.

1. We recommend that in the fourteen days leading up to arrival day at camp, that contact be limited to immediate family members. We respectfully request that staff, parents, and campers are considerate and cautious of activity choices. Limit attendance of large gatherings and do your best to remain consolidated as a single household. If you need to interact with others outside of your primary household, we ask that you wear a face-covering that covers both your mouth and nose. If in the two weeks leading up to camp, or someone in your household has a positive COVID-19 test or is exposed to someone who has tested positive: We ask that you contact us *immediately*.
2. Campers will be mailed bright orange bag tags to help identify their bags more rapidly by camp personnel. Campers will not be present for bag identification, as the goal is to have them in the airport for the least amount of time possible.
3. Campers flying will wear an N-95 mask for travel. This mask should be well fitted and remain on their face for the duration of the travel, including while waiting in the airport and the bus to camp, outside of eating, or drinking.
4. Campers will be required to display proof of a negative PCR test upon arrival to the staff member welcoming them. **We cannot take campers onto the airport bus to camp without this test.** You should also upload these records to your CampInTouch profile.
5. Campers will be tested with a BD Rapid Antigen test before boarding the bus to camp. This is a small, 12-passenger vehicle with windows and active ventilation.

If it is possible for you, the safest scenarios for getting to camp are:

1. Driving! If you are close enough to drive we cannot encourage it enough.
2. Come early! Do a small family vacation together camping around the state, and limiting contact with others while you do so. Colorado is awesome!
3. Fly with your camper! In a worst-case scenario, this will be some additional insurance in terms of what you can do with your camper if they test positive at the airport.
4. We **cannot** take any campers to camp who test positive upon arrival. Please keep this in mind as you will need to come to Denver to quarantine with them in the event this occurs.



GETTING HOME

Getting campers home from camp, safely and without impacting our community is also a priority to us. As such, campers will either be picked up from camp by a parent/guardian or someone on an authorized pickup list or be taken to the airport to travel home. **There will be no coach bus to DJDS as in years past.**

1. Parents/guardians will be assigned pickup windows for camper pickup. Older siblings should be picked up with the younger campers. . Parents should pay attention to pre-camp emails for the most up-to-date travel information. A tentative departure schedule is below:
 - a. Chalutzim: 10:00 – 11:30 AM
 - b. Metapsim: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
 - c. Toshavim & Tiyulim: 1:00 – 2:30 PM
2. Pickup will function very similar to arrival day: you will make a loop around camp, directed by staff. Youth and their belongings will be loaded into your vehicle as you depart. Medications need to be picked up from the nurse at the time of pickup.
3. Unfortunately, parents/guardians will once again be required to remain with their vehicles, and will not be allowed to tour camp or come into any of the buildings. We encourage you to come back, skip the bus, and enjoy departure day with all of us in 2022!
4. Airport departure will function as it has in years past, pending any updates on the arrival process that may impact departure.

AT CAMP HEALTH POLICES & PRACTICES

Once we are all settled in, we will be instituting a variety of recommended NPIs (non-pharmaceutical interventions) to help prevent any cross-contamination between individuals at camp.

GOLDEN RULES

1. If you are indoors, with others, outside your cohort, you are masked.
2. If you are outdoors, with your cohort, you may be unmasked unless you cannot maintain appropriate physical distance from a program staff or other person not in your cohort.

PRIMARY NPI PRACTICES

1. Daily ongoing health monitoring
 - a. During a normal summer, there would be physical checks of campers each day. This will continue into 2021, but also include a twice-daily temperature screening, once before breakfast the second during rest hour.
2. Sanitizing units and frequent handwashing
 - a. Practicing good hygiene has always and will always be an important part of the camp experience. Handwashing before meals and after using the bathroom is something that campers are always coached to do, with handwashing before meals being an important ritual for entrance into the dining hall. Where applicable, each program area will have a hand sanitization station. Each bunk will also have a hand-sanitizing unit mounted outside of it.
3. Cohorted camp experience
 - a. Campers will attend activities with the same group of campers that they live with. This 'cohorted' experience will help limit the spread of COVID-19 should it come into our community.
4. Reduced cabin sizes
 - a. Bunk capacity has been reduced to about 70% of what is our usual bunk capacity. Our current bunk size is 10 campers. The reduced cabin size will help keep groups in a more manageable size and limit opportunities for larger gatherings. It will also help maintain safer transitions and cleaning between groups as fewer individuals will be in specific areas at any one time.
5. Health care at camp
 - a. As always, any circumstance or illness, COVID related or no, will be treated with equal measure by our medical team. If a camper needs further medical care for any health emergency, including COVID symptoms requiring hospital care, they will be transported off-site to Castle Rock Adventist Hospital. Any adult leaving campus going into a public facility for business on behalf of camp will do so wearing a mask, regardless of local county regulations or mandates.

SITE ADJUSTMENTS

While not numerous, updating our physical plant will be necessary to limit vectors of cross-contamination, as well as to give everyone some additional outdoor space to relax.

1. Exhaust fans will be put into two windows in each bunk and will be turned facing outwards during the day while campers are not in the bunk to cycle as much air out of the bunk as possible.
2. Air purifiers will be put into all bunks and all indoor program areas.
3. Open-air tents will be put up outside each bunk in the South Village to give campers in our younger bunks outdoor, seated, and shaded play space, similar to the porches in North Village.
4. Open-air tents will be put up outside the health center to create an outdoor triage space, limiting the need to physically enter the health center by individuals who are experiencing illness.
5. The living area adjacent to the health center has been converted into our quarantine space for the summer. Staff accessing this area will be trained on proper PPE adornment, including an N95 mask, face shield, gloves, and gown. Access to this area will be limited to medical staff.

CAMP LIFE

Campers living in bunks or platform tents will continue to do so. Bunk/tent/trip groups will be the primary cohorts for campers' experience during the summer.

1. Campers, as always, will be expected/worked with to keep their bunks clean and sanitary. Cabin door handles and other high-contact surfaces will be cleaned regularly.
2. Contact with staff members outside the cohort (unit heads, camper care) will take place outside the bunk, except for emergency health circumstances in which a camper cannot move or be moved.
3. Degel (flag) will take place in rotating groups by unit, to discourage the large group of campers that usually forms at this time.
4. Meals will take place in rotating groups by unit, with doors open in the chad. Bunk staff will be responsible for serving campers from their bunk, wearing both gloves and a mask. Cohorts will eat at a table that remains theirs, exclusively, for the session.
5. Our famous salad/yogurt/cereal bar will still be present but run and served by a single staff member, rather than self-service.
6. We have increased transition times between activities to allow for additional sanitization time for activity leaders, where appropriate.
7. Shower times will be scheduled by bunk, in both the morning and evening, to limit the number of campers in each bathhouse, at a time.
8. Maccabiah & Yom Israel will still be an active part of the camp experience, each session

TRIP ADJUSTMENTS

The Tiyulim program is a fundamental part of Ranch Camp and remains an integral arm of our program in 2021. We will have to make some adjustments both out on trips, as well as what campers do when they return from a trip, to protect our community as a whole.

1. All trips will be fully functional for the duration of the summer, outside of Rock & Ride, which we are hopeful will make a triumphant return in 2022!
2. Before departure, the bus will be completely sanitized and the windows left ajar for 24 hours.
3. Once on the trip, for TASC and Teen Village, the bus will be treated akin to a bunk. Campers will remain in their trip 'cohorts' for the duration of the trip and will be wearing masks any time they are interacting with the other groups.
4. Stops in public areas will be limited. Foodstuffs will be either packed out at camp or dropped in after the backpacking portion of each trip.
5. Daily temperature checks will occur while car camping. Staff will monitor campers as usual while backpacking and address any symptoms, COVID related or otherwise, as needed.
6. Programs with public providers may need to be adjusted, depending on each trip and duration.
7. 7th and 8th-grade trips will not be doing programs with outside providers, as the goal will be to reintegrate them into camp as smoothly as possible.
8. Upon return from TASC, Teen Village, and Pack n Ride, campers will be attending activities and meals exclusively with their trip cohorts, with extremely limited direct contact with the rest of camp. These campers will be COVID tested upon return to camp.
9. Meals on the trip will remain relatively similar to years past, with dehydrated/dried/canned goods on the backpacking portion of the trip, and fresh produce/food will be dropped in after backpacking has been completed.

POSITIVE TESTS

We will do all we can in our power to prevent COVID from coming into camp during each session. In the event of a positive test during camp, or if a community member becomes symptomatic or tests positive, the campers in their bunk will be isolated and tested.

1. COVID Practice Agreement
 - a. A COVID agreement will be uploaded to CampInTouch and will need to be signed by the legal guardian(s) of each camper.
2. Probable case – moved to isolation room & tested
 - a. A probable case is someone with two or more COVID-related symptoms
 - b. If the test is negative & symptoms resolve within 24 hours, the camper can re-enter their bunk
3. Confirmed case – need to be picked up within 24 hours. We **cannot** keep a positive transmission vector on-site. If you will be unreachable at any point this summer, ensure that we have updated emergency contact info.
 - a. Out of state campers: 72 hours
4. Contact tracing for either probable or confirmed cases
 - a. Impacted cabin groups tested & quarantined 72 hrs
 - b. Quarantine – can still do programs, independently, around camp
 - i. EG: Can play sports with no instructor from outside their cohort, go for hikes, play gaga, etc. Not restricted to staying in their bunk 24/7
5. On trip: 2x rapid tests 30 minutes apart. If the test is positive, the group comes off-trail for PCR testing. Camper with 2x rapids needs to be picked up in the same time frames listed for at camp campers.
 - a. Strongly encourage teens on TASC, Pack n Ride, and Teen Village to get vaccinated if they are able

POSITIVE TESTS - FINANCES

If your camper is sent home more than three days from the end of their registered session for a COVID-related dismissal, they are eligible for up to 40% pro-rated credit towards 2022 programming of the days they missed.

COMMUNICATION

Communication is a key part of the partnership that we have with our community. Throughout the summer, you can expect to receive daily general updates about all that is happening at camp. We will be modifying a few of our communication practices to serve you better.

1. You can expect to receive at least one e-mail update per day, as well as the days' log of photography.
 - a. First-time families will get a call at the beginning of each session.
 - b. Trip photos will not be available until campers return from their trip and will be uploaded within 48 hours of camper return.
2. If you contact us, you can expect to receive a contact back, within 24 hours, **always**. We are committed to partnering with you during the summer, as well as throughout the year, and that partnership is built on trust and transparent, open communication. Call us out!
3. Daily camp-wide e-mails during the camp season, as well as a Facebook update
4. Daily check-ins while campers are on trip
 - a. Trip photos are not available until 24 hours **after campers return to camp**.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION

1. Overnight in the health center or off-site medical care needed – you'll always get a call
2. In the event of a positive COVID case at camp, whether it be a camper or staff member, we will communicate that to our families
 - a. Discreet e-mail to all families
 - b. In your bunk? Direct email.
 - c. An immediate phone call, from camp administration to the affected family
3. If you have an emergency outside of our normal camp office hours or cannot reach us in an emergency at our main office line, 303-648-3800, camp's emergency phone number is 970-281-5272.

ADDITIONAL PACKING LIST ITEMS:

Although not major, the changes for this summer will affect what you need to pack to ensure a successful summer for both campers and staff.

1. 7 – 10x Reusable Masks - It is helpful if it is a shape, size, and fit that they are familiar with so that it is not a distraction throughout the day. If you're coming for a 19-day session we recommend bringing at least 10 masks.
2. 1x Box – Paper disposable masks
3. 1x [CrazyCreek Chair](#) - If you are not familiar, a crazy creek is a small folding outdoor chair that is versatile and fits wherever you put it down. We will be doing a lot of picnic meals and time outside and it is recommended that you bring one.
4. 1x Hard plastic shower caddy that can be easily cleaned, if necessary.
5. 1x Delicates bag for mask washing. Masks will be washed more frequently than clothes and this will help keep gear together.
6. 1x Sleeping Bag & Sleeping Pad – Ranch Camp will not be providing sleeping bags or pads for overnights. Please ensure to pack your own.

ADDITIONAL CAMPER FORMS:

All new camper forms associated with COVID-19 are now available in your [CampInTouch](#) profile under "Forms and Documents." Here is a basic breakdown of the additional forms:

Required for all campers:

1. Ranch COVID-19 Waiver - outlines Ranch Camp's specific COVID-19 safety policies and procedures
2. COVID-19 Latest Test Result – this is the place where you will upload the results from your 72 hours pre-camp PCR test

Optional for campers ages 12 and above:

1. COVID-19 Vaccination Card – this is the place where you will upload your COVID-19 Vaccination Card if your camper will receive their COVID-19 Vaccination before their arrival at camp