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## SCAMPS COVID-19 Action Plan

Please also consult the University of Victoria's formal COVID-19 Response at

[www.uvic.ca/covid-19/](http://www.uvic.ca/covid-19/)

Symptoms associated with COVID-19 are similar to many common respiratory illnesses that may be circulating through schools/childcare settings. The two most important ways to prevent and control respiratory viruses, including COVID-19, in schools and childcare settings are:

- For children and staff who are ill with symptoms of the common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or experiencing other respiratory disease symptoms such as fever, cough, fatigue, and/or muscle aches to stay home from camp and
- The consistent practice of good respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene.

### Drop off & Pick-up Protocols

- a. A regular daily health check will be required by staff and parents/guardians at drop-off to confirm that their child does not have symptoms of illness. This will be indicated on the sign-in and sign-out sheet and supplemented by a contactless temperature check. Children will also be required to clean their hands at this time.
- b. Parents and guardians **must provide photo ID** to pick-up a child. Parents will find the designated staff person who will sign the child in/out.
- c. Parents will also be expected to abide by provincial guidelines during drop-off and pick-up regarding the use of physical distancing between staff, parents, and other children. Tape on the pavement will indicate appropriate distancing to maintain.

### Sick Children or Staff

- a. If participants or staff are feeling unwell they must remain at home. There are no exceptions.
- b. If a child becomes ill at camp, parents/guardians will be called and must pick up their child promptly once notified. The unwell child will be separated from the group and will remain there until they are picked up. It is important to keep your child's emergency contacts up to date to ensure children are picked up promptly.
- c. If a staff member becomes unwell at camp they will be sent home immediately and replaced by our Programme Coordinator until another camp leader can attend.
- d. Participants may return once they have been assessed by their health care provider and it is determined that they **do not** have COVID-19, and their symptoms have resolved.

e. Staff must stay home and self-isolate until they have been assessed by their health care provider and it is determined that they **do not** have COVID-19, and their symptoms have resolved.

### **Group Size & Physical Distancing**

a. As recommended by Public health authorities and the Ministry of Education, smaller group sizes and physical distancing of campers and staff will be implemented.

b. The same small group will remain together for the week and will spend the majority of the time outdoors.

c. If indoors, the rooms will have the windows open to ensure cross flow and each child will have their own space 2 metres apart from each other to avoid physical contact.

d. Craft and sports activities will be facilitated by having separate materials for each camper so there is no sharing of tools or toys.

### **Hygiene & Handwashing Protocols**

a. Frequent communication from the leaders regarding physical distancing, hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette in addition washroom signage will remind participants and staff to follow hygiene protocols.

b. Handwashing or sanitizing will be required before any snack or lunch, after bathroom breaks, after play times, and at the beginning and end of each camp day. Hand sanitizer and access to washroom sinks with soap and warm water will be provided throughout the day.

c. General cleaning and disinfecting of the camp spaces will occur at least once a day. Additionally, frequently-touched surfaces and materials will be cleaned and disinfected at least twice a day.

d. Physical distancing and proper hygiene etiquette must be followed. There will be no tolerance for misbehaviour and there will be a strict "no sharing" policy for food and personal items. If rules cannot be followed, parent pick-up will be required to ensure the safety of others. When possible, please label your child's belongings to discourage accidental sharing.

e. Camp participants may not bring toys or other objects from home to camp, unless it is for a scheduled show-and-tell.

f. All lunch items must be taken home at the end of the day; all containers must be openable and recloseable by the camper.

e. Labelling supplies, physical distancing, and only rotating sanitized toys will encourage minimal contact via camp materials.

f. The *COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for Child Care Settings* from the BCCDC and Ministry of Education states that personal protective equipment, such as masks and gloves, are not needed beyond those used by staff as part of regular precautions for the hazards normally encountered in their regular course of work.



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## SCAMPS Parents and COVID-19

In order to ensure a safe, supportive, and fun learning environment for your child(ren) we ask that you read over these points prior to coming to camp.

Everyday, we ask you and your child to bring:

- ❖ Good health and lots of energy to play and learn
- ❖ A positive attitude
- ❖ A full water bottle
- ❖ A lunch bag--All wrappers/containers must return home at the end of the day and all items should be able to be opened and reclosed by your child
- ❖ A bottle of sunscreen that they can apply by themselves
- ❖ A beach towel to dry off sandy feet, sit and eat lunch on, etc

Some days we may also ask you and your child to bring a swimsuit or an object for show and tell.

We will be doing all that we can to keep social distancing in place, particularly at drop-off and pick-up times. Additionally, we will be asking our staff to frequently clean equipment, screening all staff and kids every day with a thermometer, establishing grid spacing outside as well as reminding kids about spacing to encourage physical distancing, and mandating hourly hand washing for the kids and staff.

Anyone who is ill or shows symptoms of any respiratory illness will be isolated from the rest of the campers until they can safely go home; such participants may return once they have been assessed by their health care provider and it is determined that they **do not** have COVID-19, and their symptoms have resolved.

If you have any questions you can reach out via email to [scamps@UVic.ca](mailto:scamps@UVic.ca) or in person with our Programme Coordinator Deia Kupchanko-Tropf.