

Hidden Acres COVID-19 Policies



Safety has always been a top priority for Hidden Acres. From our team of 24/7 medical professionals, to our cleaning procedures, to our summer staff training, we have always emphasized the safety and well-being of our campers and staff. With the spread of COVID-19, Hidden Acres has developed the following safety plan for this summer. Some of these procedures we have always done and will continue to do this summer. Other procedures will be implemented for the first time in response to COVID-19.

Medical Professionals

Hidden Acres is blessed to have a dedicated team of medical professionals every summer, including our Summer Medical Coordinator and a team of registered nurses, nurse practitioners, emergency medical technicians, and physicians. The medical team is diligent to identify, contain, and treat any illnesses or injuries that occur during a week at camp.



Medical Facilities

Our Welcome Center has a newly renovated nurses' station scheduled to open for summer camp 2020. This expanded facility includes multiple exam rooms, is equipped for isolating individuals, and is staffed 24/7 by our medical professionals.



Hand Washing

We will continue to emphasize the importance of washing hands with soap and water. Hand washing is one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs and viruses, and all campers and staff will be encouraged to wash their hands often.

Staff Training

Hidden Acres prides itself in hiring and training the best summer staff possible. Our staff training includes health and safety procedures which will cover all the policies listed here. We will emphasize the critical role they play in the health and safety of our campers, through proper hand hygiene, coughing etiquette, reporting any illnesses, following sanitation procedures, etc.



Health Screenings

We will conduct health screenings of every camper and staff member upon their arrival to camp. This will include a temperature check, medical questionnaire, and medical assessment as needed. Any camper or staff member with an elevated temperature according to CDC guidelines will not be admitted to camp.



Food Service

Our kitchen staff has always followed safety and sanitation protocols established by local and state health officials. This summer we will take extra precautions to ensure the safest possible environment in the dining hall. This will include staff distributing food and drinks to all campers, sanitizing all tables before and after meals, and spacing out meal times to reduce the number of individuals in the building at one time. In addition, everyone entering and exiting the dining hall will either wash their hands or use hand sanitizer. We will be using prepacked condiments, individually wrapped plastic silverware with napkins, and disposable plates. We will encourage our cabins to eat outside, if possible. If they eat inside, tables will be spaced out by six feet and will accommodate no more than six people. We will follow food service recommendations from the Iowa Restaurant Association- Reopening of Business and Establishment document.



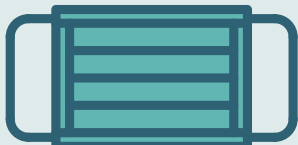
Cleaning Procedures

Our cleaning teams will continue to clean and disinfect buildings daily, as they have always done. We will also be disinfecting frequently touched surfaces at camp multiple times a day, and taking extra sanitation measures on the weekends between camp sessions, including disinfecting all cabins and sleeping areas with a commercial fogging machine.



Face Coverings

We are looking into providing a neck gaiter free to each camper, which can be pulled up and used as a face mask. This will replace our free t-shirts that we give to campers. We will have a "mask up" policy for when campers are interacting with other cabins in activities, chapel sessions, meal serving times, etc. When campers are exclusively with their own cabin, they will be allowed to have their mask down.



Hand Sanitizer



Every cabin will receive a bottle of CDC-approved hand sanitizer for campers and staff to use throughout the week. There will also be hand sanitation stations in every major building at camp. Campers will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer before and after every activity.

Family Involvement



We understand that you want what's best for your child and want them to have a great experience at Hidden Acres. With that in mind, we ask that if your child has experienced any illness in the 14 days prior to arriving at camp, please contact our office to evaluate the best option for the safety of your child and others at camp. Additionally, if your child has an underlying health condition that may put them at a higher risk for more severe complications from COVID-19, please contact our office to discuss options for your child.

Drop-Off Procedures

Check-in will be done in a drive-up manner instead of in the Family Life Center. Families are also encouraged to bring only one adult to drop off their camper. Campers in Kindergarten-3rd grade will be allowed to be accompanied by one adult to their cabin. Campers in 4th-12th grade will be accompanied by a Hidden Acres staff member to their cabin. More information about check-in procedures will be emailed to families prior to camp.



Pick-Up Procedures

We will not have a closing ceremony in the chapel or chapel area. Instead, campers can be picked up from their cabin at the designated pick-up time. One adult from each family will be allowed into the cabin to pick-up the camper and their luggage. Hidden Acres staff members will also be available to help transport luggage to vehicles. Families will receive more information about pick-up procedures in an email prior to camp and in a packet during check-in.

Registration and Housing

We have turned off summer camp registration and have limited our number of campers coming each week to help with social distancing. Each cabin will be at 50% capacity.



Lodging and Bed Layouts

We will alternate camper sleeping arrangements within each cabin. Most of our cabins and rooms utilize bunk beds, so we will alternate top and bottom bunk usage. Also, if two beds are arranged end to end in a cabin, we will ask campers to sleep head to foot, not head to head, with one camper on the bottom bunk and the other on the top bunk.

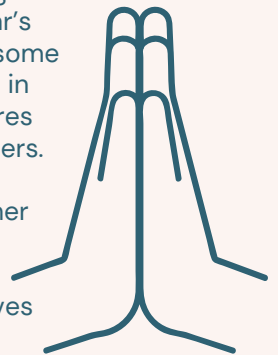
Scheduled Afternoons



Counselors will be given a schedule for each afternoon, which will include all the classic free-time activities, including the lake, tower, crafts, etc. This will allow us to manage the number of individuals at each activity at any given time, and allow for a routine schedule of cleaning at each area between groups.

Prayer

Our full-time staff has been preparing for this summer since the end of last year's camp. We've obviously had to make some changes in the past few weeks to put in place the best systems and procedures for the health and safety of our campers. However, we know that the most important part of preparing for summer camp is prayer. Our prayer for this summer is the same as always- that God will use our ministry to impact lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We appreciate your prayers as well! We're thankful that we serve a God who is in control and wants to hear and answer our prayers.



Chapel

This summer, we will have chapel outside, with cabin groups socially distanced from other groups. When this isn't possible due to inclement weather, we will be livestreaming our chapels to different areas around camp where social distancing will be practiced.



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Our leadership staff at Hidden Acres, Hidden Acres board, and Central District staff are working hard to meet or exceed the health and safety requirements established by the CDC, state, and federal government. As those requirements change over the following weeks, we are committed to communicating any changes at Hidden Acres to our campers' families.

We understand how important it is to maintain communication as we continue to learn more and make plans for the summer. We want you to feel confident in the steps we are taking to minimize risks and ensure your camper a great experience at Hidden Acres. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to our office.