

WLD Ranch COVID-19 Response Plan for Summer 2021

Below describes how WLD Ranch will be functioning this summer regarding minimizing risk for COVID-19. Please remember that attending summer camp is an optional activity. If you are not comfortable sending your camper to WLD Ranch this summer and have already registered for camp, please contact our office for options. Parents choosing to send their campers to WLD Ranch this summer do so at their own risk. Please realize that COVID restrictions are constantly changing, and as restrictions lessen statewide, we will follow suit in lessening our restrictions. Please contact WLD Ranch if you have any questions.

Program Considerations

Campers will continue to participate in many aspects of camp life within their cabin groups, or “herds,” this summer, including any activity that takes place inside (meals and evening meetings). Most of camp life takes place outside. Campers may mix with other herds during Skill Tracks, games, and free-time activities.

Regarding wearing masks, each family should decide their preference for their campers. We do not require masks to be worn by campers, but campers can choose to wear masks while at camp as long as it does not pose a threat to their health (while swimming, etc.). Staff members will wear masks when in close proximity to campers (helping a camper on a horse, helping with shooting archery or riflery, etc.).

Monitoring Health of Staff and Campers

As staff and campers arrive on the property at the beginning of a camp week, we will take temperatures and complete surveys of potential exposure to COVID-19. Day campers will have temperatures checked daily as they arrive. Our staff will monitor their own health and that of the overnight campers under their supervision and report any concerns to the nurse. Any staff members or campers who have symptoms of any illness will report to the nurse for care as appropriate to the symptoms being shown.

In order to best monitor the health of staff and campers on the property, we are limiting the number of visitors to WLD Ranch this summer (case workers, staff parents, staff alumni, etc.). All visitors must call the office ahead of time to schedule their visit and must follow the screening given to staff and campers upon arrival.

Campers and staff will be encouraged to wash hands often. Each counselor will have access to hand sanitizer to pass out to his or her campers before activities with shared items. Campers are welcome to bring their own hand sanitizer as well.

Cleaning and Sanitization

We will continue cleaning and sanitizing bathrooms on the property daily, as has been our regular practice. Dining room sanitization (whether eating indoors or outdoors) will continue with the regular practice of sanitizing each table after every meal. All mattresses and bunk beds will continue to be sanitized after each camper use, as has been our regular practice.

Food Preparation and Service

The kitchen staff will continue to prepare each meal using the Food Safety guidelines given by the Erie County Health Department. The staff will also be using gloves and face shields when preparing ready-to-eat foods and handling dishes each day.

During mealtimes, we continue serving individually plated meals cafeteria-style from behind a plexiglass barrier. Meals will be served by staff members wearing gloves and masks or face shields. Campers will be seated within their herds.