

## EDUTECH SUMMER CAMP 2021

### COVID-19 Guidelines

We want to ensure that camp is not only fun but safe during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

When camp begins, our staff will be prepared to follow the Government of Jamaica guidelines regarding COVID-19.

It is important that parents read the information in this document so that there is clear understanding of what is expected of both parents and campers, as well as what you can expect from staff at EduTech Summer Camp.

Please note that all guidelines and protocols have been reviewed by medical and public health professionals.

#### **The Structure of Camp**

We have made quite a few changes to the structure of camp to maximise health and safety.

1. *Camp/Group Size.*
  - a. We have limited the number of campers this year. Each group will have a maximum of ten (10) children.
  - b. There will be no intermingling of groups and no large group activities. Campers will stay with their group for the duration of the camp day/week.
  - c. Each activity will only host one (1) group at a time to assist with social distancing.
2. *Format.*
  - a. Most of the day will be spent outside.
  - b. On rainy days, campers will be brought into common areas and spaced accordingly to ensure appropriate distancing from other groups.
3. *Drop Off and Pick-Up.*
  - a. Screening will occur each day at drop-off. No-touch thermometers will be used to check the temperatures of all occupants in the drop-off vehicle before the camper exits. Caregivers will not be permitted to walk campers inside. This is to limit the number of visitors to the camp.
  - b. We will have staggered drop-offs. Drop-offs will be scheduled at two (2) convenient times to accommodate additional screening and safety measures.
  - c. Each child will be accompanied by a counsellor at pick-up time. If a parent needs to speak with Administration or a Counsellor, one of the Pick-up Duty Counsellors will facilitate this.
4. *Lunch.*
  - a. We will continue to provide lunch at camp this year for those campers who do not wish to bring lunch. The concessionaire at Constant Spring Golf Club is committed to maintaining the highest health and safety standards. We have also had discussions with them regarding additional COVID-19 measures.
5. *Field Trips.*
  - a. There will be no Field Trips or Speciality Camp Days this year.

### **The Choice of this Year's Activities**

1. This year, we have carefully selected sports and visual/performing arts which will allow for frequent sanitization of the respective activity's area and equipment. We have also chosen activities that will permit us to observe social distancing requirements. Consequently, some of our beloved activities will not be offered this year. In addition, some activities will be adapted to ensure maximum safety. For example, we have modified our IT activity to limit time spent in the air-conditioned computer room and to minimise campers sharing computers.
2. However, we will be offering swimming. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) in the United States, the chemical levels in pool water kill the COVID-19 virus, just as it does all other viruses and bacteria. Our Swimming coaches and counsellors are trained to follow protocols and like all other activities we will limit the number of campers in the pool at one time. We also ask that all campers come dressed and ready to swim each day.
3. Along with their proposed curriculum, each Coach/Activity Leader had to submit documentation regarding their COVID-19 prevention strategies.

### **Training and Additional Staffing**

1. We have expanded our training programme for counsellors and coaches this year to include:
  - a. New procedures and protocols related to COVID-19
  - b. Identifying the symptoms of illness in campers
  - c. Helping campers cope with their feelings associated with the pandemic
2. We will be hiring an additional ancillary staff member to assist with the frequent cleaning and sanitization of camp areas, equipment, and high contact surfaces (e.g. door handles, bathrooms, sink handles).
3. This year, one (1) Administrative Staff member (3<sup>rd</sup> year medical student) will be assigned the responsibility of ensuring compliance with our health and safety protocols.

### **Safety Precautions and Practices**

1. *Independent Certification.*
  - a. EduTech Summer Camp is receiving clearance from a health and safety professionals regarding proper sanitation and social distancing requirements.
2. *COVID-19 Symptom and Travel History Questionnaire.*
  - a. Before attending camp, each family will be asked to complete a short questionnaire related to symptoms in the last 14 days and recent travel history.
3. *Handwashing and Sanitization Stations.*
  - a. Hand washing/sanitization stations will be available in and around the facilities. Children will be required to wash their hands throughout the day, especially during bathroom, snack and lunch breaks. All campers will be expected to practice proper hand washing techniques.
  - b. We will also be teaching and reinforcing proper handwashing procedures and covering coughs and sneezes among campers and staff.
4. *Cleaning, Disinfection, and ventilation.*
  - a. Cleaning and disinfection of all camp areas will be intensified.

- b. Frequently touched surfaces (for e.g. door handles and sink handles) as well as shared objects (for e.g. sporting equipment and art supplies) will be cleaned and disinfected frequently and in some cases between uses.
  - c. As mentioned before, we will try to encourage more outdoor activities.
5. *Masks and Face Shields (Visors).*
- a. We require all staff members to wear masks during camp.
  - b. We require campers to wear masks on entry to camp. However, they will not wear these masks during sporting activities. ALL campers are required to have and wear protective visors (face shields) during sporting activities. We will provide information on where parents can source these face shields.
6. *Temperature Check and Checks for Signs and Symptoms.*
- a. We will be screening all persons, including staff, who enter our facilities. If anyone has a temperature of 38°C or higher, they will not be allowed in the camp area.
  - b. Our Staff Nurse will conduct temperature checks at drop-off and throughout the day if necessary. The Nurse will also be conducting symptoms checking for staff and campers daily.
7. *Limiting Sharing.*
- a. We will aim to keep each child's belongings separated from others' and in individually labelled containers, cubbies, or areas.
  - b. We will ensure adequate supplies to minimize sharing of high touch materials to the extent possible (e.g. art supplies, equipment etc.) or limit use of supplies and equipment by one group of children at a time and clean and disinfect between use.
  - c. We will avoid sharing electronic devices, games and learning aids.
8. *Medical Staff.*
- a. Our Summer camp has always had a Nurse onsite and Two (2) Paediatricians on call. This year will be no different. Our Medical Team has had additional training in COVID-19 protocols and procedures.
9. *Isolation Room.*
- a. The EduTech Team has earmarked and furnished a special isolation room with protective masks and sanitation gear in case a camper or staff member falls ill at camp.
10. *Visitors.*
- a. We will restrict nonessential visitors.
  - b. We will not allow drop-ins.
  - c. Special arrangements will have to be made for caregivers to enter the common camp areas.
11. *Items for sale.*
- a. Other than lunch, we will not be selling products that are not pre-packaged (e.g. no popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones etc.). In addition, all vendors will be asked about their packaging and delivery procedures to ensure that they align with our health and safety requirements.

**What happens if a child gets sick at camp?**

The following protocol will be followed:

1. If a child presents with a temperature of 38°C or higher, cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat or new loss of taste or smell at any time at summer camp, they will be given a mask to wear, be immediately separated from the group

and placed in an isolated area with a staff member until they are picked up by the parent/guardian.

2. A sick child must be picked up by the parent/guardian or emergency contact **immediately** after a staff's phone call.
3. The camper is prevented from returning to camp until they have either had a negative COVID-19 test or have been fever/fever mediation free for 72 hours, other symptoms have improved, and at least ten (10) days have passed since symptoms have first appeared.
4. Children will still be sent home as they would for any other potentially infectious illness, such as vomiting, pink eye, lice, etc.
5. If a camper in your child's group falls ill with COVID19-like symptoms or is diagnosed with COVID-19, staff will **immediately** notify parents in that group.
6. Please note that similar measures are in place if a staff member becomes ill.
7. After anyone falls ill at camp, we will conduct a deep cleaning and disinfection of all camp areas/equipment.

### **What Parents Can Do....**

1. Please declare if anyone in the camper's household has travelled overseas in the last fourteen (14) days.
2. Talk to your child(ren) about proper handwashing/sanitizing techniques and practices, covering coughs and sneezes and not sharing water bottles or food.
3. Remind your child to remain in their groups and follow their counsellors' directions.
4. Ensure that your child has the necessary masks and face shields (visors) for camp. They will not be allowed to do certain activities without it.
5. Do not allow toys or items from home other than the items needed for camp.
6. Please adhere to the rules for Drop-off and Pick-up.
7. Please respect the rules regarding walk-ins. **No walk-ins will be allowed.**
8. **Do not send your child to camp if they are sick. This is the most important responsibility for parents.**
9. Know the symptoms of COVID-19 and if you, a family member, or your child is presenting with COVID-19 symptoms or other flu-type symptoms keep them home. If they are at home sick, the return criteria stated above must be adhered to.
10. If your child falls ill on the weekend after camp, you must inform the Camp Administrative Team **immediately** via email or phone. This is crucial to keeping our camp healthy and it is the responsibility of the parent to keep not only your child safe, but other children and staff safe as well by keeping sick children home.

Please keep in mind that this situation is ever-changing, and we will do our best to adjust as needs and demands change for our campers and staff.

We want your child to have a safe experience at camp and get back to feeling that sense of summer, friendship and fun!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 876-345-camp (2267) or email us at [edutech.summercamp1@gmail.com](mailto:edutech.summercamp1@gmail.com).