



Dear Summer Camp families,

Our top priority at GAI Summer Camp will always be the health and safety of the children entrusted to our care, their families, and our staff. We continue to closely monitor the latest updates from the CDC, MDH, and local health authorities. Using information from these organizations, we have created guidelines to ensure the safety and well-being of the children, families, and staff.

COVID-19 Prevention Guidance for Youth and Student Programs

Below is a summary of processes and preventative measures we are implementing for summer camps.

Health Screenings

All children and staff must complete a home health screening before arrival to camp. Children will be sent them home (or be denied entry) with any symptoms of illness.

Home Health Screening

- The home screener will make a visual inspection of each child for signs of illness, which could include flushed cheeks, rapid breathing or difficulty breathing (without recent physical activity), fatigue, or extreme fussiness, and confirm that the individual is not experiencing coughing or shortness of breath.
- The home screener will take the child's temperature.
- The home screener will ask the questions such as:
 - Does my child have a cough?
 - Does my child have any shortness of breath?
 - Does my child have a sore throat?
 - Does my child feel tired or have any body aches?
 - Has my child been exposed to someone with a confirmed COVID -19 diagnosis?
 - Are there any family members in your household with symptoms consistent with COVID - 19?

For symptoms consistent with COVID-19, it is imperative to reference the exclusion criteria from MDH to determine when individuals may return. This may be found [here](#). If you have questions about the decision tree, please call the Minnesota Department of Health, Infectious Disease Epidemiology Prevention and Control Division at 651-201-5414 or 1- 877-676-5414.

If your child is going to be absent it is very important that you communicate it with the GAI. Please call our office (651-222-7027) and leave a message if necessary or email language@gaimn.org.

Mask Policy

In accordance with [CDC guidelines](#) and [MDH guidelines](#), we strongly recommend that unvaccinated participants, including staff and *children*, wear face coverings while **indoors**. Please ensure that campers come to camp with a mask to wear while inside and we will do our best to encourage campers to wear them throughout the day.

Distancing

When possible camps will include the same group each day and staff members will remain with the same group each day. All lunches, needed utensils and snacks will be brought from home each day by each individual family. Each camper will have a crate for their belongings to avoid mixing and intermingling. We will endeavor to spend as much time outside as we can during camp, taking into consideration the weather and other external factors. When possible we will also eat outside.

Cleaning, Sanitizing & Disinfecting

The virus that causes COVID-19 is mainly spread by respiratory droplets. When a person with COVID-19 coughs or sneezes, respiratory droplets containing the virus are expelled and can be breathed in by a nearby person. Although the virus cannot enter the body through the skin, the respiratory droplets carrying the virus can get into your airways or mucous membranes (which are the moist linings of the eyes, nose, or mouth) and infect you. The virus can also be spread by touching a surface contaminated with the virus and then touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Routine cleaning and disinfecting is key to maintaining a safe environment for children and staff.

- Cleaning removes most dirt and germs and is done by washing with soap and water.
- Disinfecting kills germs when done properly.
- Regular cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces will take place throughout the day.

Teachers will demonstrate and review handwashing procedures.

Cleaning & Disinfecting Products:

The GAI will:

- Use all cleaning products according to manufacturer's directions for concentration, application method, and contact time. Products are only effective when used accordingly to the manufacturer's directions.
- Keep all cleaning products inaccessible to children.
- When surfaces are dirty, clean using soap and water prior to disinfection.

The products the GAI will use will be based on availability. We will use an EPA-registered disinfectant when available.