



PROPOSED DAY CAMP GUIDELINES FOR 2021 – Revised 4/29/2021

Living out our mission during the COVID19 Pandemic is challenging in many ways. Day camps are an important part of our summer ministry, and we are committed to hold day camps in communities in 2021 as possible. The safety of our campers and staff is a priority, and we are committed to following the health and safety guidelines our local health officers. Therefore, we have created the following Day Camp Guidelines that have been reviewed by Sherry Adams, Executive Director of the North Dakota Southwestern District Health Unit so that we may provide fun, faith-filled, quality day camps while doing our best to maintain the health and safety of our campers and staff.

I. Registration

- A. Campers encouraged to be dropped off and picked up by the same trusted adult every day to minimize exposure.
 - 1. We will ask that campers are screened at the door and parents do not enter the building unless they are a volunteer.
 - 2. Campers will be allowed to enter day camp sites following health screening and registration.
- B. Registration should occur outside if possible. Staff, volunteers, and campers are asked to wear masks during registration process if indoors and to social distance whenever possible.
- C. Staff, volunteers, and campers will be asked to wear masks outdoors only if physical distancing is not possible.

II. Health Screening

- A. Initial health screenings will happen before campers enter day camp sites. Badlands Ministries reserves the right to not admit a camper if it is determined that admitting that camper would jeopardize the safety of other campers or staff. All campers should not come to day camp until they are healthy. Each Day Badlands Ministries will conduct a health screening including:
 - 1. Temperature check
 - 2. Screening Questions

- B. Campers with a high risk of Covid-19 related complications, or who live in the same household as someone at a high risk, are recommended to not attend day camp this summer.
- C. Each camper is asked to bring a mask every day for times when physical distancing is impossible and for any indoor activities.

III. Small Group Sizes

- A. Physical distancing will be practiced in camper groups and program areas for day camp activities during summer 2021.
 - 1. Camp activities may be altered to adhere to physical distancing policies.
- B. Badlands Ministries goal is to provide a 1:10 or better staff to participant ratio whenever possible.

IV. Health & Safety Measures

- A. General
 - 1. Campers will be in close contact with others in their small group. Campers and staff will not be required to wear masks within their small groups if social distancing can be maintained. However, facemasks are necessary inside buildings when physical distancing between small groups cannot be maintained. *Parents should either be asked to pack a facemask every day for their camper, or the hosting church should have enough masks to distribute to every camper.*
 - 2. All activities should occur outside whenever possible. Masks are not needed outside.
 - 3. Each camper, volunteer and staff will have their temperature and symptoms checked upon arrival for day camp.
 - 4. Designate an isolation space for anyone who may exhibit symptoms during the day camp week to await pick up.
 - a) If anyone on site exhibits COVID-19 symptoms or has a fever of over 100.4 Fahrenheit they will be isolated at day camp until a parent or guardian can take them home.
 - 5. Other frequently used and touched surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected following use and/or 2x a day, whichever is more relevant.
 - 6. Shared supplies will be limited to each camper group and disinfected immediately following use.
 - 7. Water bottles are strongly recommended per CDC, ACA, and MDH recommendations, as use of shared water fountains is discouraged.

8. An indoor final day camp closing worship services that is open to the public is discouraged. An outdoor closing service or an indoor service with only campers and staff is preferred. This service can also be viewed by the general public using Facebook Live.

V. Staff Accommodations

- A. In order to minimize exposure and for the safety of Badlands Ministries staff and Day Camp communities, we recommend that staff are housed in one of the following ways:
 1. In a home, church, or other acceptable accommodation (with showers) where Badlands Staff can be together without sharing space other members of the community.
 2. At camp with a daily commute to the community (this option is only available if day camp is within an appropriate distance from camp).
- B. For meals, we recommend that meals for Badlands Ministries staff are brought to them instead of them going into the community or different homes as a way of mitigating risk and minimizing spread.

VI. COVID-19 Decisions

- A. Either Badlands Ministries or the host congregation reserves the right to reschedule or cancel a day camp for the safety of all.
- B. If there is a positive case, camper, staff, or volunteer, identified during the week of Day Camp, all Day Camp activities will immediately cease.
 1. In the event of this, Badlands Ministries would prorate fees based on the number of days spent in the community.
- C. If identified in the two weeks following, affected persons will be notified.
- D. The Day Camp Coordinator, in conjunction with Badlands Ministries Staff, will practice contact tracing in both situations.