



New Hope Camp and Conference Center, Inc. provides a unique natural setting, a place apart for persons of all ages and faiths to grow in their relationship with God, themselves, and others in an environment of Christian hospitality.

On March 19th 2021 the CDC revised physical distancing recommendations to reflect at least 3 feet between students in classrooms and provide clearer guidance when a greater distance (such as 6 feet) is recommended. This does NOT refer to summer camp.

As of March 19th 2021 we have not received an update on guidelines from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services or the Orange County Health Department. We will continue to use the same procedures successfully adopted for our 2020 Summer Camp season.

This include but are not limited to:

- The number of children in a “group” has been capped at 10 campers with 1 counselor who will remain with this group for the entire week. It is important to us that we have a contact trace mechanism in place.
- Camper drop off and pick up will no longer take place in a communal building. Each group has been assigned a building which will be referred to as a “hub”. The hub will be the location for drop off, pick up, and snack time. It will also function as the building to be used by that group for rainy days. Each hub will have sanitizing products. Cubbies will still be used and will remain at a hub for the duration of the Summer Camp season. They will be sanitized each night.
- Check in will be at the entrance to the camp. Temperatures will be taken and the mandatory Covid-19 will be asked questions asked.
- Groups will remain separated from other groups during the day by rotating activities except at the pool, where up to 3 groups can swim. We are following the guidance provided to us from the NC Department of Health and Human Services on pool standards. As of this time it has not been updated so we will continue to use our processes from 2020, such as separating entrance and exits to the pool, putting a 6 feet circle around the guard stand, and separating chairs out for groups. This is possible with the reduced numbers in our groups and is below the 50% capacity threshold that we have been permitted to use as a measure of safety.
- The “all camp events” will be conducted in our front or back fields where there is plenty of room to separate groups and campers within the individual groups. Our morning energizers will look strange but we have enough space to spread out and have fun with all our crazy singing and dancing. Our morning devotion will also take place at this time.
- We will use a staggered lunch system so we can separate groups to stay below 50% capacity in the dining hall. As an alternative, groups may dine outside at our picnic tables.
- All materials will be sanitized between each group’s uses.
- Activity times have been lengthened, so campers will not feel rushed. This is also so we rotate less groups per day and allows more time for cleaning between groups.
- Counselors will wear a mask when unable to maintain a 6 feet social distance from our campers. It is expected that our campers have washable masks to use if an activity cannot provide adequate distance between campers or if we are confined to a building during a rainy day. Parents are expected to provide washable masks for their child. New Hope Camp and Conference Center will not be responsible for your child’s washable face mask.
- If a camper shows symptoms of Covid-19 we have an isolated outdoor porch assigned on site where the camper will remain with a staff member while their parent and/or guardian is contacted for pick. We will work with the Orange County Health Department on the required steps that must be followed if a camper is sent home.
- If a camper is diagnosed with Covid-19 we work in conjunction with the Orange County Health Department on how to proceed.