



While we know that life isn't quite back to normal, we're on schedule with our spring preparations and excited to welcome campers and staff back to Hollymont this summer. We want to be as transparent as possible with our families about our approach to the COVID-19 pandemic, by sharing the steps we plan to take to protect campers, staff, and the greater community.

## Our Approach

While we understand the virus will not be completely eliminated by summer 2021, we'll certainly be operating with more data and clear operational guidelines. The Hollymont leadership will have had over a year to plan and to prepare for running a camp while keeping campers and staff as safe as possible. We'll be relying on the expertise of camps who remained open during COVID-19, as well as guidelines from the [American Camp Association](#) (and the states of GA/NC) to keep our camp community healthy.

## Changes for 2021

It's important to be transparent about the changes we'll need to make for 2021. These changes are needed to keep campers and staff safe as well as to ensure Camp Hollymont's long-term financial stability. These policies apply to all sessions during the summer.

**Communication:** COVID-19 updates will continue to be posted on our website and sent in emails to registered camp families. This information can be found under the "COVID-19 Message" tab on our website.

**Check-In/Pick-Up:** We want to protect our Hollymont "bubble," therefore Opening and Closing Days will be done in a drive-thru style. Families will stay in their car until directed by the Hollymont staff to move to different stations. More information about this will be provided via email as a specific plan is developed.

### Health Screenings:

**Pre-camp:** We will ask that campers and staff complete a 14-day “watch period” prior to arrival at camp (or proof of a vaccine). This simply means that during those 14 days, we ask that you do the following on a daily basis: Check your temperature, wear a mask, use caution when entering public places, and be aware of any COVID-19 symptoms you may develop. Pre-camp screening information and symptoms to check will be sent to our registered families at least three weeks before campers and staff are scheduled to arrive for their session.

**At check-in:** Upon arrival, each camper will undergo our customary health screening and medication review with one of our camp nurses. Campers and staff will be asked specifically about COVID symptoms.

**During camp:** Daily temperature checks will occur for at least the first week.

**Off-Campus Trips:** For health/safety reasons, we will not be offering our usual off-campus trips. For the summer of 2021, we will offer horseback riding (The Dillard House Stables are just across the street from the camp property).

**COVID Safety Policies:** We will be implementing COVID safety procedures determined by Georgia state guidelines and recommendations from the American Camp Association. Known protocols will include health screening and temperature checks, daily cleaning of skill sites, and meals eaten at socially distanced tables.

As we continue to monitor the pandemic protocols, further decisions will be made in regards to policies and procedures that we will need to implement.

### **If Camp Were to Start Tomorrow...**

Based on current data and suggestions from the local health department and the ACA, these are additional policies and procedures we would require.

**Masks:** Face masks would be mandatory when...

- Campers and staff are in indoor, public spaces (except when eating or sleeping)
- Campers and staff are outside and social distancing is not possible
- Campers and staff are interacting in an activity involving the entire camp population. When campers come together for Night Activities, Morning Watch, etc., they would either socially distance from each other or wear masks. Discretion would be left up to the Directors.

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If masks are required this summer, we will request that campers bring an adequate supply of disposable and/or cloth masks to allow for at least two mask changes a day. Camp Hollymont will also have a supply of disposable face masks for those who don't have them at an activity.

**Clusters:** A "cluster" is a small group of campers and staff members that are sharing a living space. This summer, we will not generally house more than 2 campers or staff members per room. When a cluster is gathering for evening devotions, there will be a designated indoor or outdoor space to reduce gatherings in smaller areas.

*Policies and procedures are subject to change. Camp Hollymont Directors will communicate all final decisions in writing and online at least 3 weeks before camp sessions begin.*

## How We'll Make Decisions

We know that even with the best possible plans and preparation, there is a chance that we will have to modify our guidelines for safely running camp in 2021. We will be closely following the data and guidelines released by Rabun County and the state of Georgia, and will make final decisions for policies and procedures in the spring. Our target decision date is May 1, 2021.

As always, thank you for working with us to keep health and safety our top priority. Stay warm and stay healthy. We look forward to welcoming everyone this summer!

See you soon,

Missy, Emily & Gail