

# COVID-19 Safety Plan at Camp Felix 2021

## Health and Safety

Health and safety have always been our #1 priority at Camp Felix. Camp Felix continues to follow guidance from federal, state and local authorities, and the American Camp Association, as well as State and County Department of Health policies and procedures to keep our campers and staff healthy and safe.

At Camp Felix, we have a solid safety plan, updated each year in collaboration with the Department of Health, which addresses a variety of emergencies and communicable diseases, now including COVID-19. We will continue to follow all directives and policies set forth by federal, state and local officials to reduce exposure to COVID-19 at camp.

While Camp might look a little different this year we hope that our campers and staff will find the same high-quality fun-filled summer experience they have come to love at Camp Felix.

## Safety Measures at Camp

Our camp operations will meet or exceed the required standards set forth by local and national experts to ensure a safe experience for all, including:

1. COVID-19 testing for all campers before going to camp.
2. Ongoing COVID-19 screening (before camp and during camp) for all campers and staff.
3. Cohort system where each cabin (made up of 10-12 campers maximum) will form its own “bubble” with which they will spend their days and nights. There will be no intermingling among the cabins to reduce risk of infection.
4. Frequent handwashing before and after each activity will be enforced.
5. There will be NO visitors at camp this summer. The only people onsite at camp will be the campers, the staff, and the grounds keeper who maintains the facilities at camp.
6. All camp staff will be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and trained on COVID-19 guidelines and policies to reduce risk of infection among campers.
7. Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting practices at camp – all cabins, dining hall, bathrooms, showers, and other frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected regularly by janitorial staff; program areas and equipment will be disinfected between each use.
8. Boxed meals for all staff and campers will ensure sanitary food handling at camp. Each cabin will eat their meals together at a designated table away from other cabins.
9. Mask wearing will be enforced throughout the camp program whenever cohorts/campers are not able to maintain at least 3 feet distance from others, as per CDC guidelines.
10. Lower number of campers per cabin means more space between beds. Cabins will be well ventilated with windows open and floor fans.
11. Majority of the campers’ time will be spent outdoors! Tents will be set up for rainy days.

## Parent/Guardian Responsibility

Camp Felix will take all reasonable measures to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 consistent with applicable public health guidelines. We recognize that it is impossible to ensure that the camp will be 100% free of COVID-19 so some risks are inherent in participating in the Camp Felix program. However, if we all work together and maintain open and regular communication, we can significantly reduce these risks. This means that parents/guardians must be open and honest with Camp Felix staff during the pre-screening

process and notify the camp immediately if any member of their household is believed to have, or confirmed to have, COVID-19 during the two weeks before scheduled camp attendance, or while they are at camp, or within two weeks after the child returns home. All parents/guardians sending their children to camp are asked to follow [CDC guidelines](#) on staying safe to prevent COVID-19 infection prior to going to camp and self-monitor campers at home for any [COVID-19 related symptoms](#). Camp Felix will screen and test all campers prior to boarding the bus to camp. If a camper does not pass the screening process or tests positive for COVID-19 they will not be allowed to attend Camp Felix.

For additional information or to view our detailed DOH safety plan, please contact Jane Feyder-Siegel at 646-660-4849 or email [Jane.Feyder@nyfoundling.org](mailto:Jane.Feyder@nyfoundling.org)