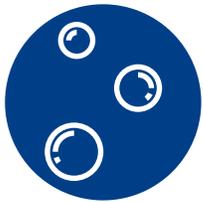


We can't wait to welcome our campers and staff back to OSRUI this summer! We know that camp – the friendships, the joy, and the sense of community – are more important than ever this year, and while Summer 2021 at OSRUI will look a little different than previous years, we know the enduring values and experiences at camp will continue. Creating and maintaining a healthy and safe environment for everyone has always been and remains our top priority. As we prepare for Summer 2021, we continue to learn from the many camps that successfully ran this past summer, and we are grateful for the guidance from the American Camp Association (ACA), and our partnership with our colleagues across the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) camps.

Here are some of our key strategies for the summer as we make plans for our community (as with so many parts of COVID-19 these plans will likely continue to evolve and change as we learn more):



BUBBLE

We are planning to limit interactions with individuals outside of our camp community as much as possible, effectively putting a significant “bubble” around our community.

- Minimizing the number of local staff who do not live in-residence at camp this summer.
- We do not anticipate campers being able to arrive late to camp, or depart and return for any reason during the session.
- No visitors will be at camp while camp is in-session, and do not anticipate giving tours to prospective families this summer.
- Our summer staff will have time-off on our camp property.
- Our faculty will be at camp for longer this summer and not return to camp if they have to leave.



NPI

Non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPIs) – will be a cornerstone of our COVID-19 mitigation strategies this summer. NPIs include mask-wearing, hand-washing, physical distancing, and being outside as much as possible.

We anticipate that when campers are interacting outside of their pods they will need to be wearing masks, and in areas that allow for maximal distance and airflow. Additionally, facility modifications, including hand-washing stations and sanitizers throughout camp, are in process and we will share more detail around those updates later in the spring. There will be additional signage around camp and additional time throughout the day for symptom checking, hand-washing and sanitization.



TESTING & QUARANTINE

We will carefully balance the need to quarantine and limit interactions with others prior to camp, with the recognition that some of our campers hope to be in in-person school this spring prior to camp. We are preparing for protocols around testing, prior to, and during the camp session.

We will have more details around quarantining and testing in April, as summer nears and we have a clearer picture of the COVID-19 status in our communities.



HEALTH CENTER

We are expanding our health center team and we have set aside additional space at camp as isolation/quarantine space, if needed. Many of our health care providers have been working throughout this year in communal settings and they are well-versed in operating within the parameters of COVID-19.

Our health care staff will follow guidelines based on recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control, state and local health authorities, and the URJ COVID-19 medical taskforce.



VACCINES

Vaccines against COVID-19 continue to be developed and authorized, and will become increasingly available during 2021. As different subgroups of people are able to obtain access, vaccination is EXPECTED where it can be obtained. Youth under age of 16 are exempt from this requirement until such time that COVID-19 vaccines are authorized for this age group. Youth 16 years of age and over, all staff and faculty are expected to seek out the vaccine in their local communities and, when available, to complete the relevant vaccination series at least two weeks prior to joining the camp community.



PODS

At the beginning of each session – likely up to the first 14 days of the session – activities and programming will primarily take place by pod. Pods will be defined by cabin and tent groupings, and by shared bathroom facilities. This will help to minimize the interaction across camp and allow us to operate in smaller subsets of our camp community.



FOOD SERVICE

We have contracted with a third-party food service vendor, WOLFoods. WOLFoods is a leader in the camp food service industry and operated successfully at camps during the summer of 2020. Their experience and knowledge alone will be a great asset as we plan for a healthy, safe, and delicious, food service experience for all of our campers.

Should you have questions regarding COVID-19 and summer 2021 or wish to discuss anything in this email further, please reach out to Solly Kane, OSRUI Director, at skane@urj.org.

We look forward to a great summer in Oconomowoc!