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Department of Recreation

UCSB Department of Recreation Youth Programs
Beach Camps COVID-19 Safety Procedures
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The UCSB Department of Recreation is committed to the health and well-being of each camper, staff, and community member. Following CDC, County, and University guidelines regarding COVID-19, starting June 2021, we are excited to offer our safe, engaging, and fully outdoor beach and aquatic programs. Please review this document carefully and be sure to adhere to all policies when participating in our Surf & Kayak Camp and Junior Lifeguard programs this summer.

Please note that we are following the [University's COVID-19 safety protocols](#). The following regulations will be expected from all participants, regardless of vaccination status. These guidelines are subject to change as CDC, County, and University guidelines are updated.

Resources

In addition to the University's policies, when creating our policies, we referred to the following resources from the CDC and Santa Barbara County.

- [Santa Barbara County Public Health Department School & Childcare Information](#)
- [Center for Disease Control \(CDC\) Guidance for Operating Youth and Summer Camps](#)

Face Coverings

Correct and consistent mask use is a critical step in reducing the risk and spread of COVID-19. All participants, guardians, and staff are required to wear a face covering when on the UCSB campus (regardless of vaccination status). Face coverings should completely cover the nose and mouth and fit snugly against the sides of the face and not have any gaps, valves or vents. Face coverings are to be worn at all times, including pick-up and drop-off. Participants will be allowed to remove their face covering when actively recreating in the water or while eating/ drinking. Once out of the water or done eating/ drinking masks must be promptly put back on. Please note that the CDC does not recommend using face shields or goggles as a substitute for face coverings..

Physical Distancing

We are monitoring CDC updates regarding physical distancing outdoors and will follow current CDC guidelines at the time of your camper's camp session. Distancing of at least 6 feet should be observed while face coverings are off.

Small Groups

Participants will be placed in small group cohorts of no more than 10 (not including the instructor and assistant). These groups will stay together throughout the entire day, with limited to no interaction between other groups or cohorts. Groups will be stationed in areas that are physically distanced from each other. Participants will not be allowed to change groups once a session has started. Equipment shared between groups will be disinfected before use. See cleaning protocol below.

Daily Screening/ Symptom Check

All participants should stay home if they are sick, exhibiting symptoms, or have been exposed to COVID-19.

A daily COVID-19 screening will be required at drop-off for each participant. Instructions will be communicated with guardians prior to the camp session.

Hand Sanitizing/ Hand Washing

All children and staff should engage in proper hand hygiene at the following times:

- Arrival at camp
- Before and after eating
- After using the restroom
- Before putting on sunscreen
- After coughing or sneezing
- Before departing from camp

Proper hand hygiene includes washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and/ or using a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Participants should wash their hands with soap and water when visibly dirty and utilize hand sanitizer when hands are not physically dirty.

Each group tent will be equipped with a hand sanitizing station and hand washing sinks can be found in the Campus Point bathrooms.

Cleaning

All camp equipment (including boards, paddles, helmets, and personal flotation devices) will be sanitized with an alcohol-based solution and/or lysol after each use. Daily sanitations of equipment and high-touched surface areas will take place before camp begins and after items are used.

The Campus Point bathrooms will be cleaned twice a day by university personnel. Beach Camp staff will periodically check bathrooms between cleanings to ensure a sanitary environment.

Drop-Off/ Pick-Up Protocol

Camper arrival, drop-off, and pick-up times will be staggered as much as possible. We have expanded the drop-off/ pick-up windows to allow for this. Additionally, the two beach programs drop-off/ pick-up times do not overlap.

- Timing
 - Junior Lifeguards Drop-Off: 8:30-9am
 - Junior Lifeguards Pick-Up: 12-12:30pm
 - Surf & Kayak Camp Drop-Off: 12:30-1pm
 - Surf & Kayak Camp Pick-Up: 4:30-5pm
- Location
 - [Parking Lot 6](#)
- Physical Distancing
 - When dropping off campers, guardians should NOT exit their vehicle in order to reduce contact with staff and other participants. Staff will remain a safe physical distance from the vehicle when communicating with guardians.
- Face Coverings
 - Face coverings should be worn by all at all times during pick-up and drop-off.
- Daily Screening/ Symptom Check
 - Daily symptom screenings will be checked upon drop-off

- Identification
 - Guardians should be prepared to show proper identification (i.e. Driver's License or state issued ID). Campers will ONLY be permitted to leave with guardians whose ID matches the list of authorized pick-up person(s). Please make sure that information for authorized pick up person(s) is correct upon registration and notify the camp director ahead of time if this changes at any point throughout the session.
- Late Drop-Off/ Early Pick-Up
 - If campers need to be dropped off past the designated drop-off time or picked up earlier than the designated pick-up time, the guardian is responsible for checking in/ out their camper(s) at the Campus Point Beach. The same safety protocols in terms of face coverings, screening, and Identification checks will be required.
 - Two parking spots have been designated for UCSB Beach Camp parent use. Those spots can be found in lot 6 and allow up to 20 minutes of parking.
 - Please do NOT drive down the road to the Campus Point Beach. That road is a fire road, only accessible by service and emergency vehicles and violators are subject to a fine.

Staff Requirements

The Department of Recreation is committed to the wellbeing and safety of our professional and student staff. The department has established safety protocols for reducing the risk of COVID-19 transmission in regards to physical distancing, cleaning practices, personal hygiene, employee wellness, personal protective equipment, training, and communication for all staff. In addition to staff passing a background check and being Lifeguard certified, UCSB Beach Camps staff will follow the following policies:

- Prior to resuming operations and returning to work, all employees will be required to review the UC Resuming Operations Training course, read and review the Work Site Specific Safety Plan, and receive job specific COVID prevention training.
- The Department of Recreation will utilize the campus COVID-19 Self-Assessment survey for all student and professional employees reporting to work each day. Self-screening at home is expected to be performed following CDC guidelines prior to coming to work.
- All employees who are sick and/ or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will be sent home.
- All employees will be required to follow the university's weekly COVID-19 asymptomatic testing protocol.
- The Department of Recreation will provide and ensure all employees use all required protective equipment (PPE), including face coverings and gloves where necessary.
- At this time, staff are not required to have the COVID-19 vaccine, although they are highly encouraged to be vaccinated.

Camper or Staff Tests Positive Protocol

If made aware of a positive COVID-19 case within any of our spaces, the department will report the case to the UCSB COVID-19 Response Team at <https://www.ucsb.edu/COVID-19-information/reporting> or (805) 893-3113 who will work with the identified person and the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to identify any close contacts that may need quarantine.

The department will provide UCSB COVID-19 Response Team a list of individuals who may need to be notified as a "close contact" and follow the UCSB Reporting Flow Chart. Staff are required to notify the Director of the Department of Recreation of any positive COVID-19 cases with any Recreation staff who have been on-site within 14 days of their positive results.

In the case of a positive test result within any of our spaces, the department will cooperate with campus Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) and custodial services, to provide additional cleaning and confirm our ability to maintain operations.

When the department is notified of a confirmed case, the impacted individual will be prohibited from accessing our spaces for the recommended number of days in consultation with the UCSB COVID-19 Response Team.

Following a positive case, a notice regarding possible exposures will be sent out to all families.

Camper or Staff Develops Symptoms While at Camp

During camp hours, staff will actively monitor symptoms of COVID-19 in participants and themselves and will notify their supervisor if they or a child begin to develop any symptoms. Participants and staff who develop symptoms while at camp will be sent home as soon as possible. A staff member will wait with the participant in a safe and separate location until their guardian is able to pick them up. The identified participant will then be encouraged to receive a COVID-19 test. Participants and staff will be allowed to return in consultation with the UCSB COVID-19 Response Team.

Food

The following will be enforced in regards to food at camp:

- Sharing food is strictly prohibited
- Participants' hands must be properly sanitized before eating
- Physical distancing of at least six feet should be maintained while eating

Please note that campers and staff are encouraged to bring snacks without single-use wrappers to ensure that garbage does not pollute the environment.

Activity Modifications

Some normal camp activities and games may be modified to fit our COVID-19 safety protocols. For example, snorkels will not be provided and visits to the REEF (UCSB's teaching aquarium) will have smaller group sizes or may not be allowed.

Refunds

Refunds for campers who are unable to return to camp activities because of health safety protocols will be handled on a case by case basis. Parents may receive a prorated refund for the remaining session(s) or have their participant(s) enrollment rescheduled for another 2021 youth program's session.

In the event of an outbreak (as determined by the County Health Department), we may deem it necessary to shutdown the camp program for an extended period of time or the rest of the session. All registered participants will be notified and refunds may be given depending on the circumstances.

Contact Information

Questions regarding our COVID-19 safety protocols? Please email camps@recreation.ucsb.edu.