

UC SANTA BARBARA  
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](#). 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

While outside, face coverings will not be required regardless of vaccination status. However, when non-vaccinated individuals go indoors (i.e. the restroom and the Recreation Center) they must wear a face covering. Face coverings are optional for vaccinated individuals in both settings.

### Physical Distancing

Non-vaccinated campers will be reminded to maintain 6 feet of distance. However all campers should still be mindful of those around them and respect other's desires to remain physically distant.

### Daily Screening/ Symptom Check

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

All parents/guardians are required to complete this [COVID-19 Daily Symptom Screening](#) on behalf\* of their children before bringing them to UCSB Youth Programs as part of the risk reduction efforts of UC Santa Barbara. The purpose of the COVID-19 Daily Symptom Screening is to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all participants.

When completing the COVID-19 Daily Symptom Screening, parents/guardians will automatically receive an email determination about whether or not registered children are permitted to attend UCSB Youth Programs that day.

***If cleared, parents/guardians will need to show the green badge (the pdf attachment in the email) at drop-off allowing their child(ren) to attend camp that day.***

***If the email reads "UCSB Youth Programs - NOT CLEARED", there will be no attachment and the child(ren) may NOT attend UCSB Youth Programs that day.***

\*Covid-19 Daily Symptom Screenings should be completed by the parent/guardian NOT the camper. Campers who have been approved to check themselves in/out, will need to show a copy of their daily 'badge'. This can be in the form of an email, screenshot, or print out. Please be aware that [CDC guidelines](#) still require a 10 day quarantine period for unvaccinated people following travel outside the state. Please keep this in mind should you have travel plans and complete the quarantine before returning to UCSB Youth Programs.

### **Hand Sanitizing/ Hand Washing**

It is recommended that all children and staff engage in proper hand hygiene as much as possible and 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.

### **Cleaning**

All camp equipment (including boards, paddles, helmets, and personal flotation devices) will be cleaned-according to the current CDC guidelines at the time of your camper's session.

The Campus Point bathrooms will be cleaned by university personnel.

### **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.
- Face Coverings
  - Face coverings should be worn by non-vaccinated individuals
- Daily Screening/ Symptom Check
  - Daily symptom screenings will be checked upon drop-off. See above.
- 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 Jr.. Guards Only. Those spots can be found in lot 6, near the south entrance, 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 non-vaccinated 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
- We encourage all participants to properly sanitize before 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) have been suspended until reopened.

### **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](mailto:camps@recreation.ucsb.edu).