Communicable Disease Plan

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The safety and health of our campers, staff, volunteers, and guests is our #1 priority. We have developed a list of procedures and guidelines in the event of a communicable disease outbreak here at camp, as well as guidelines and measures taken to minimize the risk of any diseases. This Communicable Disease Plan is a living document, ever changing with recommendations and guidelines from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Camping Association (ACA). This plan will be updated as more information and guidelines become available.

Section 1: Prevention Activities

Nonpharmaceutical Interventions (NPI’s)

1. Screening
   a. Upon arrival, all attendees (campers, staff, volunteers, visitors) must:
      i. Provide written/photo documentation of a negative COVID test (PCR or antigen). The test must have been taken within 48 hours of arrival to Camp.
      ii. Agree to the COVID-19 Informed Consent Agreement (or previously agreed to it during registration)
   b. Exceptions may include:
      i. Attendees who have recovered from COVID-19 within 3 months of arrival should provide written/photo documentation of their initial positive test.
   c. If attendees show any symptoms of COVID-19 at check-in, camp medical staff will perform a COVID-19 test on the attendee. The Camp reserves the right not to accept individuals who display symptoms, even if the test returns negative.

2. Travel to camp
   a. Public transportation:
      i. Airplane: All participants must wear a well-fitting mask while flying on an airplane and throughout the airport.
      ii. Public Bus & Train: No travel by public bus or public train to camp for any individuals.
   b. Charter Bus
      i. Parishes may organize a charter bus to bring attendees to camp.
      ii. All riders on the bus (including chaperones) must have a negative COVID-19 test within 48 hours of arrival to camp (prior to boarding the bus).

3. Hand hygiene
   a. All staff and campers will be required to wash hands before meals and throughout the day.
   b. Hand sanitizing stations will be set up around Camp.
c. Signs explaining proper hand washing and sanitizing procedures will be posted around Camp.

4. Ventilation
   a. As many activities as possible will be done outdoors.
   b. While indoors, windows will remain open whenever possible.
      i. Box fans will be provided in the cabins to assist with proper ventilation

5. Sanitizing
   a. Cabins will be cleaned every day.
   b. Common areas and high-touch surfaces will be cleaned at least once a day. This includes tables, doorknobs, and bathrooms.

Section 2: Supply & Resource Procurement

1. Supplies
   a. Camps or facility will purchase cleaning supplies.

2. Resources
   a. Mental health providers will be available for individuals should they request mental health support either in person or via Zoom.
   b. Guest priests will also be available for spiritual guidance.
   c. The health center staff, which shall be staffed by a Registered Nurse or licensed medical professional, will be available to treat and consult.
   d. Medical doctors will be available for consult via phone or Zoom when necessary.

Section 3: Outbreak & Response Strategy

Any individual who is suspected to have COVID-19 will be tested for COVID by the camp medical staff who are following infection control measures.

- If the individual tests positive, the individual will be isolated and sent home. Parents are expected to pick up child from camp within a certain timeframe as specified by each camp.

Close contacts of the individual will be identified:
- Individuals in the same cabin
- Individuals that traveled to camp together (if within 5 days of travel date)
- Other individuals who have spent more than 15 cumulative minutes over a 24 hour period within 6 feet of with the positive individual

Close contacts will be tested by the camp medical staff immediately (Day 0).
- Any individual who tests positive will be sent home.
- Close contacts will be monitored closely for symptoms by their cabin counselor.
- Meals should be eaten outside when possible for close contact cabins.
- Close contacts will be tested daily by Camp Medical Staff for the next 5 days.
- Parents of close contact will be notified by Camp Medical Staff, and informed of the mitigation strategy that the camp is taking.
Staff Members will be tested at the start of each session prior to Sunday Divine Liturgy.

If an individual returns home from camp and tests positive within 5 days post-camp, the camp will notify the families of any potentially exposed individuals.

**Section 4: Communication & Debrief**

*Before Camp:* Camp Medical Staff will communicate with staff and camper families by e-mail and/or phone calls to confirm accurate health and medical information and offer reminders about COVID-related guidelines.

*During the camping session:* If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, Camp staff will notify the parents/guardians of that individual and any potentially exposed individuals.

*After the camping session:* Return home protocols and recommendations will be shared with all camper families via e-mail along with a reminder requesting that the Camp be notified if any individual who attended Camp tests positive for COVID-19 in the 5 days after departing Camp.