

NovusWay Ministries Summer Camp Covid Strategies & Protocols



OUR 7 KEY STRATEGIES

Prescreening: If there are measures campers and guests need to take before coming to camp or documents they need to sign off on related to health or contact before camp, we will inform you and provide you documentation at least two months before camp.

Cohorts or “households”: Many of the ACA’s recommendations are based on campers being assigned to specific cohorts or households during their time at camp. This is easy as the cabin group or adventure group is already central to our campers’ experience at our camps over the week. Interaction between cabin groups may be reduced to minimize contact and allow for easier contact tracing if a camper becomes ill.

Contact tracing: As a team, we are developing a contact tracing strategy that will allow us to quickly identify where and with whom campers and counselors were in contact while at camp. Suppose someone does become ill while on camp. In that case, it will allow us to more quickly monitor those they were around and keep them separated from the rest of the camp if the situation warrants.

Wearing a face-covering: Universal face-covering use, especially indoors, is reported to reduce the risk of transmission by 80%. We also know that face-covering while at camp sounds no fun. We will work to define places where face-covering is most needed and impactful. And we will work to define opportunities during your camper’s week when they can be safely face-covering free.

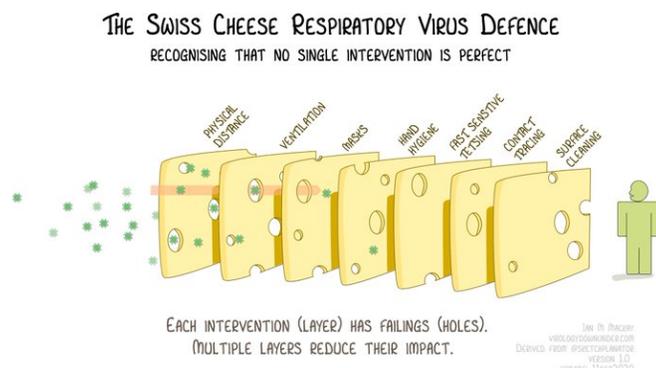
Physical distance: Within program groups at camp and between program groups, we will encourage appropriate six to nine-foot distance between campers. When this is not possible, or groups are inside, we will require face-covering.

Safety culture: The measures we incorporate will be a part of our summer staff orientation and a part of the learning and growing we do together at camp. This will be just one more way that, as a camp community, we put others’ safety and care first.

Maximizing outdoor programming: We are an outdoor ministry. The safest place for all of us to gather during this pandemic is out in God’s good creation. We will be looking at ways to move even more activity outside and maximize the fun!

THE SWISS CHEESE MODEL

How will these 7 strategies work together to keep campers, guests, and staff safe? Here’s a good image for that:



MASKING AND COHORT PHASES

- These phases will allow us to shift throughout the summer based on the safest for our campers and the conditions which allow the best camp experience.
- Camper families and all guests will have their week's phase communicated to them in an email sent out the Thursday before their week at camp. It will also be posted online at novusway.org/summer2021

COHORT PHASES for Summer Camp 2021		MASKING PHASES for Summer Camp 2021	
 <p>1</p>	A household consists solely of a cabin/adventure group.	 <p>1</p>	All campers and staff are wearing masks all the time, except when sleeping and eating.
Household extended to include 1 to 2 other cabin/adventure groups within their program to create a small cohort.	 <p>2</p>	Campers and their counselors unmasked when with their household while outside. They are masked when inside with their household except when sleeping and eating. Campers and counselors mask when both indoors and outdoors with other households.	 <p>2</p>
 <p>3</p>	The household becomes a cohort of the entire program group your camper has signed up for at camp.	 <p>3</p>	Unmasked with household when indoors. Still masked at any time with other households.
Program groups matched with other program groups to form a larger cohort that can more freely interact with each other at camp.	 <p>4</p>	Households extended to large cohorts consisting of other cabins/activity groups or their entire program group. Campers and counselors unmasked with larger cohort while outside. Campers and counselors masked while inside with larger cohort, except when sleeping and eating.	 <p>4</p>
 <p>5</p>	No need for households or cohorts to maintain a high level of health and safety for campers, staff, and guests.	 <p>5</p>	Campers and counselors are unmasked indoors and outside with a larger cohort. Still masked and distanced while indoors and outdoors around other large cohorts.

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