



MAD SCIENCE OF WNJ
COVID-19 – SAFETY PROTOCOLS
DETAILED

Mad Science has always made the safety and security of kids in our programs an utmost priority. With the current COVID-19 pandemic affecting all of us, we realize our enhanced responsibility in stopping the spread. We are continually monitoring current federal, state and local guidelines to ensure we are up to date and compliant. Our scientists will be continually trained and updated throughout the summer to ensure all guidelines are strictly followed.

We also realize we are dealing with young kids and some of these new guidelines might be hard for them to follow. We will be using gentle verbal directions, signs with easy to understand graphics and colorful visual clues with our campers as reminders of good practices.

Our COVID-19 guidelines include:

- **Limited Group Size**
 - Group sizes will be limited to current group CDC guidelines, which is currently 10 campers per camp counselor I. (subject to change according to CDC/State/Local Regulations).
- **Static Groups**
 - We will keep the same group together during camp and observe the 6 ft social distancing rule as much as possible.
 - There will be no communal play areas or dining areas, the kids will always remain with the same group throughout the time they are with us.

- **Daily Health Checks/Encouraging everyone to Stay at Home when Appropriate**
 - Staff will have daily temperature checks. Additionally, caregivers will be asked to answer some health questions daily upon arrival to camp to ensure kids are remaining healthy throughout the camp week
 - We will encourage staff and campers who have recently had a close contact with a person with COVID-19, have tested positive for COVID 19 or are showing symptoms to stay home. Symptoms may include but are not limited to: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.
 - In the event we are informed that a staff member or camper had or was exposed to COVID 19, we will contact all appropriate people, including health officials, staff, and families. We will follow all directed COVID-19 guidelines, while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

- **Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette**
 - We realize that our job as educators extends beyond our normal learning plans. We will teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and increase monitoring to ensure adherence among campers.
 - If soap and water are not readily available, we will provide hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
 - We will encourage campers to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue. All used tissues should be thrown in the trash and hands washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
 - Camper may be asked to wear a mask, even when socially distanced if sneezing persists. (unless another health condition makes this unsafe)
 - All children and Mad Science staff will engage in hand hygiene at the following times:
 - Upon arrival to the facility and before leaving for breaks
 - Before and after eating or handling food
 - After using the toilet
 - After coming in contact with bodily fluid
 - After playing outdoors
 - After handling garbage
 - After handling any communal items

***Staff will supervise children when they use hand sanitizer to prevent ingestion.

- **Masks/Cloth Face Coverings**
 - Adults - face masks will be required when social distancing is not possible.
 - When outside as long as social distance is maintained, the instructor may lower their mask
 - When inside face mask will be worn, however if social distance is maintained, the instructor may lower the mask if necessary

- Kids - face masks will be required when social distancing is not possible. We realize that face coverings may be challenging for campers (especially younger campers). We will assist in teaching and reinforcing the use of cloth face coverings with those campers who choose to wear them.
- If a child shows any symptoms of sickness during the camp, we will provide them with a face covering immediately (if they aren't already wearing one), they will be segregated from the group and their caregiver will be called immediately for pick up.

- **Supplies**
 - Mad Science will provide all necessary supplies including soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol, paper towels, disinfectant, face coverings (for sick campers).
 - We will ensure sufficient camp equipment to reduce sharing and cross contamination. Campers will be issued their own set of supplies (scissors, glue, tape, markers, crayons, as needed) for their exclusive use during the duration of camp. The supplies will remain at the camp for the camp duration.

- **Cleaning and Disinfection**
 - We will clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces (e.g., equipment, door handles, sink handles, tables, desks) within the camp room at least daily or between use as much as possible. Use of shared objects (e.g. equipment) will be limited and cleaned between use.
 - We are very aware that cleaning products should not be used near children, and our staff will ensure that there is adequate ventilation when using these products to prevent children or themselves from inhaling fumes.
 - We will also use gloves when handling and disinfecting equipment and disposing of trash. We will always wash our hands after removing gloves.

- **Communal/Personal Objects**
 - We will keep each camper's belongings separated from others. We will have labeled areas to ensure they stay separate.
 - We will ensure there is adequate supplies to minimize sharing of high-touch materials to the extent possible (e.g., assign art supplies or other equipment to a single camper),
 - Our camp supplies will be segregated by location and sanitized thoroughly before being used by another location.
 - We ask for your assistance by not sending any extra items to camp— please avoid sending electronic devices, toys, books, and other games or learning aids, when possible.
 - We have removed all shared plush toys, fabric items and other soft items from our classes, as they are difficult to sanitize.

- **Ventilation**
 - We will hold the camp outdoors as much as possible, again keeping safety in mind.

- **Modified Layouts**
 - We will space seating at least 6 feet apart, whenever possible.
 - We will prioritize outdoor activities where social distancing can be maintained as much as possible.

- **Food/Drink during Camp**
 - In keeping with our normal camp protocols, we will not provide any food or drink during camp.
 - We will not be allowing campers to use any drinking fountains. Please send disposable water bottles, fruit drink boxes, etc. to ensure your camper stays well hydrated.
 - For lunches and snacks, campers will need to bring their own food, we request disposable packaging to minimize items that need to be returned home.
 - For the safety of kids with peanut allergies, we request that no camper brings any products containing peanut products, please.

It is our objective to implement these procedures and make them a routine part of our camps. Our continued focus will be on keeping the kids safe, while having an awesome camp experience with us.

If at any time you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to reach out to our management team. Feel free to call or email us at 609-737-0313, info@madscienceofnj.com