



## **Communicable Disease Plan (CDP)**

Keats Camps recognizes the unique risks and challenges that communicable diseases present to the camp community. In response to these risks and challenges, this Communicable Disease Plan, developed in line with Vancouver Coastal Health recommendations, outlines prevention, response, recovery, and mitigation policies and procedures to lower the impact of a communicable disease on the camp community. Policies and procedures may be subject to change depending on the rate of transmission, severity of symptoms, and availability of treatment for a disease.

### **Prevention**

Keats Camps requests that all individuals arrive at camp healthy. If any individual is showing signs of a communicable disease, we ask them to wait until their symptoms subside and they are no longer contagious before arriving at camp. Keats Camps reserves the right to not admit an individual until healthy.

### **Screening**

- Pre-screening
  - All staff and campers attending camp are required to complete the health history form within the registration process before arriving at camp. This information is reviewed and used by the camp medical attendant when caring for and treating staff and campers for illnesses and diseases.
  - All staff and campers should self-screen for the presence of symptoms of a communicable disease before arriving at camp.
- Initial screening
  - The camp medical attendant will conduct an initial screening with each camper when they arrive at camp. This screening includes a lice check, and discussing medications.
- Preventing Spread
  - Hand Hygiene
    - Communicable diseases can pass person to person through contact. An individual's hands are one of the most contacted contact points and should be consistently cleaned to lower the spread of a disease.
    - All staff and campers will be encouraged to wash their hands with soap and water:

- Before eating food
- After being in contact with someone who is sick
- After touching frequently touched surfaces
- After using the restroom
- After using common items, such as activity and sports equipment.
- After coughing, sneezing, or blowing their nose.
- Hand sanitizer will be located around camp for hand cleaning when soap and water are not accessible.
- Sharing of Food
  - Sharing of food and utensils is prohibited amongst staff members and campers to prevent spread diseases
- Physical Distancing
  - Depending on the contagiousness of a disease, social and physical distancing procedures may be implemented into camp programming. These procedures will be determined by recommendations from health and governing agencies.

### **Cleaning & Disinfection**

- Cleaning and disinfection practices will differ for different areas and equipment. In general, cleaning and disinfection will happen multiple times throughout a day in common use areas, and daily for activity area equipment.
- In the event of a bathroom accident, a spill involving bodily fluids, an injury involving blood, or other incidents where surfaces are contaminated, additional cleaning will be done in the area of the incident.

### **Training**

- Staff will be trained on preventing the spread of communicable diseases, cleaning and disinfection, and their role in the response plan to cases of illness.
- Staff will provide campers with training on proper handwashing and other illness-reducing strategies.

### **Communication**

- Camp staff will communicate to campers and parents, informing them of the screening process, safety measures, and the Communicable Disease Plan.
- Camp staff will communicate with summer staff, informing them of safety measures, the Communicable Disease Plan and other educational resources, and potential changes to their role.

### **Response to Case(s)**

In the event of a suspected case of a communicable disease in the camp community:

1. The individual will be taken to the camp's medical attendant for care
2. The medical attendant will identify the individual's symptoms and the possible illness

3. If the illness is not communicable or a risk to the rest of the camp community, the individual will receive necessary care and return to their group or position as soon as possible.
4. If the illness cannot be identified or is identified as a communicable disease, the individual may be isolated in a designated area.
5. The medical attendant will contact the Program Director or Executive Director. If the affected individual is a camper, a senior staff member or medical attendant will contact that camper's parents/guardians as soon as possible.
6. The individual will be removed from the camp community and cared for by their family or designated guardian. The camp requests that if a diagnosis is confirmed, this information be shared with the camp so that the response plan can be modified as needed.

**In the event that a suspected case of a communicable disease is confirmed:**

1. Staff and campers who were in contact with the affected individual will be asked to monitor themselves for new symptoms presenting. Younger campers may be monitored for symptoms by camp staff or medical attendants.
2. The areas used by the affected individual will be cleaned and disinfected.
3. Communication will be sent to all families with information about the illness and next steps.
4. Camp programming will continue for any unaffected staff members and campers
5. If other individuals begin to show symptoms, they will be isolated as soon as possible to be screened by the medical attendant.
6. If an outbreak progresses, Keats Camps' leadership, led by the Executive Director or their designate, will make decisions regarding the feasibility of continuing camp.

**Recovery & Mitigation**

Assuming the control measures were effective, the number of new cases will eventually start to decline. Depending on the type of communicable disease, the length of time these control measures need to remain in place will vary. Control measures should not be removed too soon due to the risk of the re-emergence of the illness. Camp staff will be in contact with local health officials for guidance in this area.

All records and reports of the outbreak will be properly processed. Debriefing with the staff should be done as a group and individually. The Communicable Disease Plan will be evaluated and updated as needed.