



## Gretna Glen Guidelines for Safety during Summer 2021

June 2021

Gretna Glen is committed to providing a faith-filled, fun, dynamic experience for all of our campers again this summer. Due to the ongoing pandemic, we must be committed to following these best practices to have a safe experience for all campers, volunteers and staff. We have always needed our participants to help make sure camp is a healthy place for everyone, and this year it is more vital than ever that we work together to be safe. Our goal is for every Gretna Glen participant to be healthy before, during and after camp. While we recognize there are varying opinions regarding the virus in our country, at Gretna Glen we must focus on the big picture and do our best to ensure that everyone can have a healthy week of camp. Higher risk participants should consider not attending during the pandemic. If you choose to attend you should use every precaution to keep yourself and the members of your family safe. Participants that arrive with a fever or appear unhealthy will not be able to participate.

The following are the guidelines for Summer 2021 regarding COVID-19 as of June 4<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Gretna Glen Camp & Retreat Center takes its guidance from the American Camp Association (ACA), the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, and the Pennsylvania State Department of Health. Together they have guided our protocols for safety as they apply to: capacity, masking, social distancing, cleaning, food service, shared living, programming and activities.

### General Guidance For All Participants

\*Registration for overnight summer program events ends  
**15** days prior to the first day of program.\*

#### **Before You Arrive for Day Camp or Overnight Programs:**

**Healthy Home/Healthy Camp**-Each participant will need to complete the Pre-Screen Questionnaire *Healthy Home/Healthy Camp Form*. Participants at Gretna Glen should limit their exposure to people outside their household whenever possible the two weeks prior to camp and the week following camp. If you are an overnight camper you will also need to bring along your negative PCR Covid-19 test results. (See details in Overnight Camp Specific Guidelines).

**Exposed or Sick**-To help prevent and control the spread of communicable diseases such as COVID-19 if you are sick or exposed to someone who is sick or has COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to your camp program, please do not come to camp. *Call our office to schedule later in the summer or attend in summer 2022.*

## **During Camp:**

**Keeping it Clean:** We take great care to ensure our staff, volunteers and campers enter clean spaces as part of our normal protocol. We utilize cleaning practices and products that comply or exceed industry standards.

**Screening:** Upon arrival at Gretna Glen camper families will be greeted in the parking lot. Participants will have their temperatures checked. Healthy Home/Healthy Participants form and Online Health History form will be checked. Overnight camper families will present negative PCR Covid-19 test results.

**Hand Sanitation:** Handwashing stations and hand sanitizer dispensers are strategically located in common areas all around our site. Our staff will be trained to encourage clean hands between activities and prior to meals.

**Limiting Exposure:** We will be limiting the number of staff, visitors, and vendors on our properties during camp to help limit exposure. All visitors will follow Gretna Glen guidelines.

**Cohort Camping:** For Summer 2021, we will limit our group sizes by having all campers in cohort groups. The maximum cohort size for both day and overnight programs will be 24 campers. For overnight camps, cohorts will be one or two cabins depending on participation numbers.

**Food Service Modifications:** We will be eating outside as much as weather permits. Cohorts will eat together and be spaced 6 feet apart from other cohorts. Our staff will serve meals buffet-style.

**Social Distancing:** Cohorts will be socially distant when inside buildings.

### **In the event of confirmed case of COVID-19 during camp:**

- The ill person will be immediately isolated and the healthcare team will take over care.
- Any person caring for an ill person will wear additional personal protection equipment.
- If the ill person is a camper, the parent/guardian will be notified as soon as possible and arrangements made for the camper to be picked up from camp. Ill staff or volunteers will leave camp as soon as possible.
- For confirmed cases, unvaccinated participants with exposure (within 6 ft for longer than 15 minutes/cohort), will be isolated and parent/guardians will be contacted for next steps.



## **Overnight Camp Specific Guidelines**

**COVID-19 Testing for Overnight Campers**-The ACA, in conjunction with private insurance and the CARES Act, has stipulated that campers can receive Covid-19 tests for camp purposes and receive full insurance coverage – \$0 out of pocket cost. These tests include a pre-camp, at-home test. Should a camper become symptomatic or exposed to Covid-19 while at camp, the camp can swab the camper and that test will be fully covered by insurance/CARES Act because it will be utilizing a symptomatic or exposed ICD-10 code. **There will be no cost to the parents/guardians of campers for Covid-19 testing this summer.**

### **PLEASE SEE SEPARATE LETTER FOR DETAILS TO ORDER YOUR CAMPERS TEST**

- Camper family arrivals will be staggered to reduce the number of guests on site at any given time while moving into housing.
- Campers and parent/guardians will carry all luggage to lodge/cabins this year. Please consolidate your packing to help with this process. Camper Parent or Guardian must be masked to enter campers housing.
- All campers, volunteers, and staff will be unmasked outside when with their housing group/cohort. Masks will need to be worn when inside with other cohorts. There will be a few mask up zones at activities/areas where social distancing is not possible. If you want to wear a mask you may do so at any time it is safe. Please bring two multi-layered well fitted masks. Gretna Glen is providing lanyards for color group/cohorts.
- ACA has recommended campers sleep head to foot to maintain appropriate distance while sleeping. Each bunk is labeled accordingly.
- Each housing space has been updated with improved ventilation and an air purification system.
- All multi household/cabin group camp activities will take place outdoors, avoiding prolonged contact between multiple cohorts.
- Arrival at Camp: Prior to your camp experience you will receive an email with an arrival time and specific details. Staff will be present in the parking lot to assist with the health screening protocols.
- Departing Camp: The same email that you receive regarding your arrival will give your specific pick-up time. We will space pick-up times depending on camper numbers for the week.
- Summer 2021 Mid-Week Pick Up: Overnight campers will not be permitted to leave mid-week and return, unless it is a medical need facilitated by Gretna Glen staff.



## **Day Camp Specific Guidelines**

Upon arrival, staff will direct you to our new check-in procedures. We will be using drive-through check-in for day camp this year.

All campers, volunteers, and staff will be unmasked outside when with their color group/cohort. Masks will need to be worn when inside. There will be a few mask up zones at activities/areas where social distancing is not possible. If you want to wear a mask you may do so at any time it is safe. Please bring two multi-layered well fitted masks. Gretna Glen is providing lanyards for color group/cohorts.

Day Campers do not need to do a Covid-19 test.

Campers will be in color/family groups. These groups will have limited time together as a large group and will be outside unless there is inclement weather.

If day campers need to leave mid-day, they may not return until the next day.

Day camp families can visit the camp store on Fridays during pick up.

### **COVID-19 Cancellation Policy**

- If a camper becomes unable to attend their week of camp due to exposure to COVID-19 or being actively positive with COVID-19, a full refund will be issued or registration fees can be transferred to a later week of camp.
- For cancellation reasons outside of COVID-19, our traditional Cancellation Policy will be in practice. These details can be found on our website.

### **Is Gretna Glen Staff Vaccinated?**

- Gretna Glen year-round staff members are fully vaccinated. Over 90% of our paid summer staff is fully vaccinated.

Resources:

[https://www.acacamps.org/resource-library/coronavirus-information-camps?utm\\_source=homepage&utm\\_term=preheader&utm\\_content=may&utm\\_campaign=coronavirus](https://www.acacamps.org/resource-library/coronavirus-information-camps?utm_source=homepage&utm_term=preheader&utm_content=may&utm_campaign=coronavirus)

