**CAMP SAFETY GUIDELINES – 2024**

**PURPOSE:**

**This document provides volunteers, staff, and campers involved in regional camp programs with safety guidelines for the 2024 Camp Season. We ask all involved to observe and implement the protocols shared below.**

*Additional protocols have been implemented by the UCCR management team at Loch Leven to secure safety for all visitors while visiting the property.*

***Regarding Vaccination Status***

*The Camp Ministry and Outdoor Ministry Committee holds safety and security of campers while present at Loch Leven as the highest priority. Our goal is to ensure all who attend summer camp are COVID-free leading up to and during camp programming. With your help, we can greatly reduce the risk of a breakout during camp.*

***How CAMPERS/VOLUNTEERS can help:***

* *STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK: If you (volunteer) or your camper (guardian) have symptoms consistent with COVID, please do not travel to Loch Leven for any reason. Even if you really, really, really want to participate in camp this year, do not come. It is not safe for you or anyone else if you come. PLEASE NOTE: If you arrive with symptoms, you and/or your camper will be sent home.*
* *PRACTICE GOOD COUGHING/SNEEZING ETIQUETTE: While at camp, be aware of the direction, location, and method used when coughing or sneezing the very best you can. If you feel a cough/sneeze coming on, step away from others, cough/sneeze into the inside of your elbow or tissue (not your hand), and wash/sanitize your hands often.*
* *STAY POSITIVE: We are all managing the impacts of COVID the best we can. Be gentle with one another and take the initiative as often as possible to encourage these guidelines. Your help is needed and greatly appreciated.*

***What THE COMMITTEE AND STAFF will provide:***

* *A NURSE AT EVERY CAMP: The Pacific Southwest Region has dedicated resources to ensure a professional nurse is present and available for each summer camp this year.*
* *HEALTH SCREENING AT CHECK IN: Upon arrival, the nurse shall perform a health screening to confirm that each person is symptom free.*
* *HEALTH CARE STATION/QUARANTINE AREA: A health care station shall be designated and clearly marked for ongoing screenings and will include a designated quarantine area in the event one is necessary. Our nurse will be present in the station throughout the camp and will provide immediate care for those who need it.*
* *FREQUENT OUTDOOR PROGRAMS: Activities will be held outdoors as often as it is safe to do so.*
* *COHORT GROUPING: Each camper and volunteer will be designated to a cohort (i.e., “family group”) by volunteer directors, with which all programming and activities shall occur. This isn’t too different than what we have done at Summer Camp in the past, however, there are a few changes worth mentioning. Cohorts shall:
a. Share cabins/rooms (assigned by gender with special assignment as needed)*
*b. Share tables at meals
c. Share breakout sessions (i.e., family group time)*
* *LIMITED-CONTACT ACTIVITIES: Large group activities (i.e., worship, free time, combined games, interest groups) shall be held outdoors as often as is safe to do so AND shall only engage campers/volunteers in activities that are limited-contact. Examples of activities that DO NOT meet the limited-contact standard include:
d. Games that pass items from one person to the next without immediate sanitization
e. Hand holding without immediate sanitization
f. Sharing items (i.e. s’mores, crafts) from the same container
g. Any activity that encourages prolonged physical touch or close verbal communication (i.e. telephone, human knot, rope games)*

***Procedures when COVID is present at camp:***

*The nurse is instructed to monitor, test, and quarantine individuals that exhibits signs of COVID. The nurse shall determine appropriate response in each situation. However, it is important that the following steps be included when a positive case is identified:*

* *The nurse shall communicate with the Co-directors the course of action.*
* *The Co-directors shall contact the sponsoring Pastor, guardians, and regional staff to inform them of the confirmed case.*
* *The cohort shall remain in isolation until further instruction is given by the nurse and Co-directors.*