Mo-Ranch Summer Camp’s Communicable Diseases and Contagious Illnesses Protocol

Partnering with Mo-Ranch Summer Camp Families:

Prior to Mo-Ranch Summer Camp starting, we want to be mindful of everyone’s camp experience regarding their health and well-being. We ask that all Mo-Ranch Summer Camp families be considerate of your child’s exposure to hotspot areas or large group gatherings prior to camp. As with any summer camp, there is an inherent risk of injury and illness associated with Mo-Ranch Summer Camp programming. With our current situation, we are taking several precautions regarding communicable diseases at Mo-Ranch Summer Camp. The following information will outline recommendations and guidelines that have been put in place by Mo-Ranch Summer Camp based on recommendations with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), American Camp Association (ACA) and Texas Department of State Health Services.

Before Mo-Ranch Summer Camp Starts:

Self-Screening

- Based on recommendations of the CDC and ACA, campers who may be immunosuppressed, have diabetes or have severe asthma should consult with their primary care physician before considering Mo-Ranch Summer Camp for the summer of 2020. If by chance your primary care physician does not recommend Mo-Ranch Summer Camp for your child, please contact our office about options pertaining to cancelations, transferring your registration to 2021, refunds or donations to the Mo-Ranch Summer Camp program.
- We also ask that our families be mindful of any family members at home who may be high-risk in deciding about Mo-Ranch Summer Camp attendance. High-risk individuals include those with, but not limited to; heart issues, adults over 65 living in the home, diabetes, cancer or weakened immune systems. Again, if the summer of 2020 is not the best option, please contact us about a deferral to 2021.

All families will be required to monitor their child(ren) for 14 days and conduct pre-screening activities such as:

- Taking and recording your child(ren)’s temperature for 14 days prior to their respective session.
- Self-screening for the presence of symptoms (fever of 100.4° or greater, cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, fatigue, headache, muscle aches, nausea, loss of taste smell, sore throat, vomiting, etc.) within two weeks of arrival.
- If your child has had a fever or illness within this timeframe, please contact our office to evaluate the best options for everyone’s health and wellness. Options may include a session transfer or cancellation based on session timing and availability.
Opening Day Procedures:

In order to limit large gatherings and exposure to our living quarters, our opening day process will be adjusted for the care of our camper families, campers and staff. Mo-Ranch Summer Camp will require all campers to be transported by personal vehicle with their parent or guardian to verify health history and cover our screening procedures.

Based on the provided guidelines, we have made the determination that campers who require communal travel (flights, buses, group travel) should defer their Mo-Ranch Summer Camp attendance to 2021 for the health and safety of all parties involved. All registration will take place in the Wynne-Flato parking lot. Once you enter the gates of Mo-Ranch, the first right turn will lead you to our registration tent. You will receive a specific timeframe to bring your camper based on their age and group from our camp registrar between 2 and 4 p.m. Campers who have siblings will be allowed to check-in together, based on the oldest camper’s timeframe. Vehicles that arrive early will be asked to wait in the Wynne-Flato parking lot until their assigned registration time. A public bathroom will be available in the Wynne-Flato lobby.

- Parents and children will stay in their vehicles throughout the registration process.
- Each camper family will go through a screening process with a temperature check and general questions about the camper/s’ health with our health manager.
- Please pack medications separate from the camper belongings, as our health manager or health assistant will take medications during this check-in. Please remember that all medications must be in their original bottle or box and be prescribed specifically to the individual child.
- Our registrar will work with each parent to ensure that all camper forms have been completed and submitted prior to arrival. All forms can be found on our Forms dashboard in CampMinder.
- Once the screening and registration process is complete, our staff will then disinfect your camper’s trunk/baggage and unload the camper’s belongings and load them on to a trailer, where we will transport them to Loma Linda.
  - In order to minimize contact with staff, we kindly ask that parents stay in their vehicles to say goodbyes as we load belongings onto the trailer.
  - Once all campers from the specific group have arrived, they will then walk towards Loma Linda.
- Our counselors will be waiting at Loma Linda to help your camper set up their living space and meet new friends. If by chance your camper may have forgotten something in the vehicle, please drop the item off at our front desk in the Mabee Lobby, and our leadership staff will deliver it to your camper.
Mo-Ranch Bookstore:

At registration, you will have the opportunity to leave cash with our registrar for your camper’s bookstore account. This money will be directly given to our bookstore manager, and she will ensure that each camper knows their allotted amount to spend during the camp session. Each group will have a designated period where they can spend the money on the account. We recommend that campers receive $25 for the week for any necessities, Mo merchandise or toys.

Mail:

Mo-Ranch Summer Camp is working to reduce the amount of contact that comes into our facility based on CDC and ACA guidelines. For this reason, we are asking that all mail be limited to emails for the summer of 2020. This mail limitation includes care packages and letters on opening day.

We apologize for the inconvenience, but we ask for patience as we work to keep our campers and staff healthy. All emails should be sent to campermail@moranch.com. in order to ensure proper delivery, the subject line should entail: Camper name, group number and session number.

During Mo-Ranch Summer Camp:

Daily Screenings

- Mo-Ranch Summer Camp has a daily camper check-in with our counselors called a hygiene sheet. Our summer staff will constantly be monitoring their campers and frequently asking “How are you feeling?” to ensure the health and well-being of our campers. Our staff will be trained on monitoring our campers for any abnormal behaviors and symptoms associations with communicable diseases.
- Our health manager will also be doing daily & randomized temperature checks as a part of their daily rotation.

Facility Cleanliness

- Every cabin and bathroom are rigorously cleaned by our Mo-Ranch Summer Camp counselors and campers according to our disinfectant protocol set by the CDC and ACA. Our cleaning procedures include daily checklists that are monitored for accountability by our leadership and housekeeping staff.
- Bathrooms are sanitized and disinfected with increased frequency throughout the day for the health and care of our campers and staff members.
Camper Hygiene

- A major part of sustaining the health and care of all who enter our program is camper awareness. For this reason, we ask that our parents and guardians teach and coach their children about healthy hygiene practices, including showering, brushing teeth, washing hands, not sharing food and drinks and respecting physical distancing in the Mo-Ranch Summer Camp setting.
  - This information will be covered during our opening campfire, but we encourage our families to teach healthy practices as early and often as possible.

Social Distancing at Camp

- Mo-Ranch Summer Camp is a great place to come together as a community. As you may be aware, Mo-Ranch Summer Camp does not always allow for “social distancing” because of the nature of what we do. We do life together. We play hard. We connect in God’s creation. With the understanding that we may not always be six feet apart, there is always an inherent risk for injuries and common sicknesses as we spend time together.
  - The CDC and ACA have recommended “family groups” to stay together during activities and programming. Mo-Ranch Summer Camp programming has been operating on this guideline for years as we keep our counselors and campers together for activities throughout the day. These “family groups” include male & female campers of similar ages.
  - **Cabins** – Following set guidelines, we will do our due diligence to respect social distancing in the cabin by having campers be arranged in bunks “head-to-toe” style to offer six-feet of personal space.
  - **Activities** – A vast majority of our activities are outdoors which will allow our campers to be spread out. Activities that require multiple family groups being in the same area will require our staff and campers to wear cloth coverings to reduce germ transmission. This includes but is not limited to masks and/or bandana coverings.
    - Based on information provided, while these family groups are at activities, they are not required to wear facial coverings, rather only when in large group settings or in low-circulation areas (indoors).
  - **Evening Programs** – Mo-Ranch hired additional, specialty staff called a “program team” that were specifically tasked with putting together evening programs that allow for dispersion among the campers, all while being fun and intentional. Family groups will stay together during these programs.

Meals - Mo-Ranch Summer Camp is working to “spread it out” for arrival and departure times of meals. Our dining staff will be working with us to serve all meals to avoid self-serve buffets.

Sickness at Mo-Ranch Summer Camp

- Mo-Ranch Summer Camp follows a standard of care based on the recommendations of our camp doctor; Dr. Meriwether based out of Kerrville. Bruises, cuts, scrapes and minor illnesses will be treated by our health manager on property, or if required, we will consult with the doctor via an office or video visit.
In the event of a contagious illness at Mo-Ranch Summer Camp, our protocol is structured to isolate, confirm, respond and remove the impacted person. If a camper does present a fever greater than 100.4°F, a family member or guardian will be called to pick up the child to be seen by a family practitioner within eight hours.

- Based on the Department of State Health Services requirements, if any member of the Mo-Ranch Summer Camp program does present a positive test for a contagious illness like COVID-19, we may be required to end a Mo-Ranch Summer Camp session/s for a disinfecting and quarantine period.
- Based on state guidelines, the minimum timeframe for disinfecting and staff quarantine would 14 days from the positive test. In the event of a contagious illness with a child after summer camp ends, parents should call the camp office so we can begin the process of involving the state health department for contact tracing within the cohort group, staff members and attending campers.

Staff Management

- We are extremely blessed to have a group of faithful, dedicated servant-leaders that are focused on the mission of Mo-Ranch Summer Camp. Our members will stay on-site during their time away from camper responsibilities for the health and care of our program, in order to limit possibilities of community spread.
  - Mo-Ranch Summer Camp staff will be allowed one supervised trip away from camp to purchase necessities between sessions.

Closing Day:

Like opening day, we will work with our families to keep large group gatherings to a minimum. The Mo-Ranch Summer camp awards ceremony will take place on Friday night during our closing campfire. Parents will receive designated times to pick-up their camper and belongings between 9 and 11 a.m. at the Wynne-Flato parking lot on the closing Saturday of their respective session.

We will designate pick-up times for each age group between 9 and 11 a.m., and we will pick up campers and their belongings at the Wynne-Flato parking lot on Saturday morning.

Campers who have siblings will be allowed to check-out together with the earliest pick-up time. Counselors will load your camper’s belongings, so you do not have to leave your vehicle. We ask that reunions stay in the vehicle to respect social distancing during this time.

Early Bird Registration

Our registrar will be at the closing day pick-up site to get your camper registered for 2021! Please feel to contact us prior to closing day if you choose to keep this process expedited.
After Camp Ends:
Once Mo-Ranch Summer Camp ends, a recommendation in the camping industry is to limit exposure to other children or adults for two weeks after their Mo-Ranch Summer Camp experience. While we pray, hope and expect to have a healthy summer, our thoughts must be with the health and safety of our families.