

Friends Academy Summer Programs COVID-19 Protocols - Summer 2021

Friends Academy Summer Programs continue to follow the guidance set by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health regarding COVID-19 health related issues. Because the pandemic is ongoing, these guidelines may change in relation to COVID-19 community transmission.

Masks

Campers and staff may remove masks when they are outside. If any campers or staff choose to wear a mask outdoors, they are welcome to do so.

Indoors, campers and staff will be required to wear a mask at all times. If snack and lunch are held indoors, campers will be seated, facing front, and distanced, with no talking allowed while campers are unmasked. If campers need a mask break at other times while indoors, they may go to a designated “mask break location” away from other campers to remove their mask or to get a drink of water.

Distancing

Camps will take place outside as much as possible to allow for distancing. For inclement weather days and indoor camps, we have designated an interior space for each camp to prevent various groups of campers and staff from mixing. When seated in indoor classrooms, campers will remain three feet apart or more.

Facility Preparation

- Air Quality: We had an independent air quality evaluation done throughout campus and improved the air quality through the use of window fans and HEPA filters in every classroom.
- Cleaning and Disinfecting: We are regularly cleaning and disinfecting all areas of the school and will limit visitor access to campus this summer.
- Rearranging Classroom Spaces: We have rearranged classroom spaces to comply with the state guidelines that students need to be at least 3 feet apart. In some instances we have installed plexiglass barriers to provide extra protection.

Cleaning and Hygiene

We have established a daily and nightly cleaning plan, which entails frequently cleaning and sanitizing high-traffic areas (including restrooms, hallways, banisters, door knobs, and switches) throughout the day and nightly vacuuming and trash disposal.

Campers and staff will be responsible for frequently wiping down desk tops, furniture, and classroom materials. Items that cannot be easily cleaned (e.g. pillows, stuffed animals, pretend food and utensils) have been removed.

Classrooms are equipped with a gallon-size container of Purell, as well as soap and paper towels at sinks so campers do not need to leave their classroom to wash or sanitize their hands.

Hand Washing

Signs posted throughout campus will remind students and faculty/staff to wash their hands and the proper way to do so.

Everyone in the building will wash their hands:

- Upon entering the building each morning
- Upon entering and exiting their program space
- Before and after eating
- After sneezing, coughing, and blowing their nose
- After using the restroom
- After using any shared equipment like toys, computers, and keyboards
- After administering medication (no nebulizers allowed)
- After touching their face mask/covering
- Before exiting the building each afternoon

Visitor Policy

Parents will not be allowed into the building during summer programs. Only students, staff, and limited approved visitors will be allowed to enter.

Any parent who needs to drop an item off to their child will need to contact the school. When the parent arrives, they will stay in their vehicle and call the office for a staff member to come retrieve the item.

When should my child stay home?

If your child is showing any symptoms of illness, please notify Maureen Benjamin, the camp nurse, at (508) 641-7710 to discuss their symptoms and determine if they are well enough to come to camp.

Children must stay home if they have:

- A fever of 100.0°F or greater
- Diarrhea or nausea/vomiting
- Shortness of breath Body aches/pains or chills
- Complaining of stomach pains
- Loss of smell or taste
- Cough/congestion
- Headache (accompanied by another symptom)
- Sore/Strep throat

- Pink eye
- Any other illness

They can return to camp once they have been symptom-free for 48 hours, received a doctor's note or negative results from a COVID-19 test, or been treated with antibiotics for 24 hours (strep throat and pink eye).

Friends Academy Summer Programs will cooperate with local contact tracing efforts. In the event of a COVID-19 exposure at camp, your family's contact information may be shared with the Department of Public Health to trace the event.

I have read and agree to these COVID-19 safety guidelines:

Parent name (printed): _____

Parent signature: _____