



## **COVID Response Plan Summer 2022**

The last two summers have been shining examples of our commitment to the health and safety of our campers and staff. By the grace of God, we ran ten weeks of summer camp each summer – with many adjustments along the way – and finished with ZERO COVID cases among our campers and staff in 2020 and just a handful of cases at the end of summer 2021 as case numbers were increasing in our community. No serious illnesses were reported and no on-camp transmission was confirmed. Praise God!

Our goal for SAMBICA in Summer 2022 is to create another exceptionally safe, super fun, life-giving day-camp environment for campers to experience how much God loves them. Camp gives children a place to unplug, build healthy relationships, explore their strengths, and learn through PLAY...all in a safe, uplifting environment.

This document summarizes the steps SAMBICA is continuing to take as we prepare for summer 2022. With utmost concern for the well-being of our campers and staff, we are diligently following the guidance of the CDC and local health authorities to minimize health risks in our revised summer planning. We are committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for children to learn, grow, and make life-long memories filled with hope during this unique time in history.

This document has been updated as of April 2022. Of course, much could change in our world between now and when camp starts. Our plans will remain flexible and open to health authority guidance as summer approaches. Thank you for staying flexible with us and for trusting SAMBICA with your campers!

### **Sources**

As we prepare for 2022, SAMBICA will continue to monitor and follow sources of health authority guidance. These sources include:

- Centers for Disease Control (CDC) including their [Guidance for Operating Childcare Programs](#).
- Washington State Department of Health (DOH) [Coronavirus Response](#) page and their [Day Camps During Covid-19](#) document.
- Public Health of Seattle and King County (Public Health) guidance
- Nationwide networks of camps such as the Christian Camp and Conference Association (CCCA) and the American Camp Association (ACA).

Washington State DOH has issued guidance for how and when locally attended summer day camps, such as SAMBICA, can run. This guidance, [found here](#), is our authoritative guidance that we will be following. *State guidance for **overnight camps** is forthcoming.*

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## **Summary of SAMBICA's COVID-Specific Adjustments**

1. We are offering Day Camps for summer 2022 as we have the past two summer.
2. **What about overnight camp?** We LOVE overnight camp and are happy to announce that we will be having an overnight experience for Junior High campers during Weeks 2 through 5! Specifically, this will include two nights of staying overnight from Wednesday through the end of camp on Friday for Weeks 2 and 3, and a full week of overnight camp during Weeks 4 and 5. For all sessions with overnight camp experiences, it will be open to one pod of 100 campers. Since camper enrollment was surprisingly at a higher number than expected this year, all overnight spots will go to families already enrolled in these weeks; there will be no new registration or sessions made this year for overnight camping. **(Note: as of March 31, 2022 the state has released guidance for day camps and there are no additional protocols for overnight camps.)**
3. Camp capacities have been reduced. Each camp is divided into two pods of about 150 campers. The pod system allows for these smaller groups to be separated into groups of about 10 campers (+ counselors). We will follow health authority guidance to limit interactions between groups of campers. Almost all interactions will be within their cabin group of 10 campers.
4. For additional and updated guidelines on cleanliness in all areas of camp, including Food Service and Activities, see page 4.
5. Enhanced cleaning procedures and frequency throughout camp. See page 6.
6. Enhanced education of campers and staff, as well as enhanced procedures regarding personal hygiene and respiratory etiquette. See page 7.
7. Ventilation will be maximized in all indoor spaces, though campers will spend almost all of their time outside.
8. Procedures are in place in the event that a camper or staff member either exhibits COVID symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19. See page 8.
9. Always flexible as we anticipate and adjust to changing guidelines and requirements.

## **Food Service and Activities Details**

### Food Service:

1. All standard food service best practices will be followed, per Public Health guidelines.
2. All campers and staff are required to wash their hands before entering the dining hall.
3. Doors will be propped open so that walking in and out of the dining hall can be accomplished touch-free.
4. The camp schedule is designed so that only one pod is eating lunch at a time.
5. Most meals will be served outdoors. Indoor dining will be spread out inside the dining hall, with ventilation maximized.
6. Sanitization of high-touch areas such as countertops will occur between each pod's use of the dining hall.

### Activities:

1. Campers will only share areas (waterfront, field, dining hall, etc) with their pod.
2. High contact activities that put kids in close quarters for extended periods of time have been eliminated.

## **Health Details**

Each morning, parents will be responsible with checking if their camper is experiencing any COVID-like symptoms in the last 5 days.

If a camper presents symptoms of illness during the week, they will be sent home and must stay home for the current CDC-recommended isolation period.

Staff members are required to not come to work if they are showing any signs of illness, especially fever, cough, or shortness of breath. Backup plans are in place for any staff member who needs to stay home due to illness. Staff members may return after the current CDC-recommended isolation period.

## **Enhanced Cleaning Procedures Throughout Camp**

1. Bathrooms and frequently touched items.
  - a. All frequently touched items will be cleaned twice daily using a bleach cleaning solution.
2. Playgrounds and Equipment
  - a. Playgrounds will be thoroughly sanitized once daily as well as between cabin uses whenever possible.
3. Cleaning Supply Accessibility
  - a. All staff members will have access and encouraged to carry disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer.
  - b. All staff with have access to extra disinfectant and cleaning supplies kept in locked closets near frequently used areas.

## **Enhanced Sanitization Education and Procedures Regarding Personal Hygiene Etiquette**

1. Hydration:
  - a. Campers and staff are asked to bring and carry a refillable water bottle with them at all times. Parents, please put your camper's name on their water bottle.
  - b. Water bottle refill stations will be set up around camp.
  - c. Disposable water bottles will be available to campers if they forget their water bottle and reusable water bottles can be bought at the camp store.
  
2. Hand Hygiene:
  - a. Campers are encouraged to bring individual-sized hand sanitizer with them to camp. Hand sanitizer dispensers will be available around camp and at each activity.
  - b. Camp staff will encourage clean hand washing procedures to campers. Signs will be posted at sinks to reinforce proper hand washing. Washing for 20 seconds with soap and water is the standard.
  - c. Outdoor hand wash stations will be used so that washing can happen throughout camp.
  - d. Hand washing at the dining hall will be monitored to ensure that each camper and staff member washes their hands before entering.
  
3. Personal Hygiene Etiquette:
  - a. Good personal hygiene etiquette will be taught and reinforced with all campers and staff members. This includes:
    1. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or elbow.
    2. Throw away any used tissue immediately.
    3. Wash hands after covering coughs and sneezes and after throwing away used tissues.
    4. All trash cans will be touchless.

## **Procedures in the event that a camper or staff member either exhibits COVID symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19**

COVID symptoms are defined as:

- Fever (100.4°F) or chill
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Unusual fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Recent loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose
- Sore throat
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If a camper exhibits COVID symptoms:

1. Camper will be brought to the Medic Hut for further evaluation and to separate (6+ feet) from other campers and staff members.
2. Parent and/or the emergency contact will be called to pick up camper.
3. Areas that the camper has been in contact with will be sanitized.
4. If any other campers have had close contact with the symptomatic camper, those families will be notified.
5. Camper may return after the current CDC-recommended isolation period. King County recommends that anyone who has COVID symptoms or has had contact with anyone who has COVID symptoms get tested right away. The COVID-19 call center that can help with determining a testing location: 206-477-3977. We ask that camper families inform SAMBICA of their test results.
6. Our office will be in touch with those families to check in, process prorated refunds, and/or re-enroll the camper for later in the summer.

If a staff member exhibits COVID symptoms:

1. Staff member will notify their supervisor and immediately isolate in a pre-established quarantine area on camp or return to their home if they live locally. Staff members will be required to stay away from camp when they are sick.
2. They will be replaced by another staff member according to our backup planning.
3. King County recommends that anyone who has COVID symptoms or has had contact with anyone who has COVID symptoms get tested right away. We will call the COVID call center to determine a testing location: 206-477-3977.
4. If any campers have had close contact with that staff member, those families will be notified.
5. Areas that the staff member have been in contact with will be sanitized. A professional sanitizing fogger is available if necessary.
6. Staff member may return after the current CDC-recommended isolation period.

If a camper tests positive for COVID:

1. The camper would already have been removed from camp or not returned to camp. The areas that they had been in contact with would already have been cleaned.
2. Staff and families of campers who may have had close contact with that camper will be notified.

If a staff member tests positive for COVID:

1. The staff member would already have been removed from their position and quarantined on camp or at home. The areas that they had been in contact with would already have been cleaned.
2. Staff and families of campers who may have had close contact with that staff member will be notified.
3. Staff member may return after the current CDC-recommended isolation period.

## **Other Measures to Keep Campers and Staff Safe**

### *Campers:*

- Drop-off and Pick-up times are staggered by pods. Parents will receive an email with their camper's pod and drop-off and pick-up time 3 days before camp begins.
- Campers will keep their backpacks with them when they go to each area of camp.
- Parents will not get out of their car or touch the tablets that we use during drop-off and pick-up.

### *Staff:*

- SAMBICA has designated a "COVID Site Supervisor" to oversee all these measures and ensure that we follow them, as well as make any necessary adjustments.

### *Procedures:*

- Camp Store adjustments:
  1. We are transforming Sam's Place into a Sweet Shoppe-style counter where kids will have the opportunity to order and the Store Clerk will pick up the items and then pass the items to the camper.
  2. All food items will be stored behind a clear plastic barriers for less touching of food items before being ordered.
  3. Camp store capacity will be limited to 10 campers to ensure social distancing.
  4. Store Clerk will sanitize all areas touched or frequented by campers between each pod.
- Garbage cans throughout camp will be touchless.

## **FAQ's**

### *1. Will SAMBICA offer Overnight Camp?*

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### *2. Will my camper be required to wear a mask?*

Campers will spend 90-95% of their time outside and be spread out, including while eating, so they will not need to wear face coverings for almost all of their time at SAMBICA. Currently, no mask requirements are in place. Mask use will be optional in all areas of camp.

Thank you for your continued patience and flexibility as we work to create a fun, safe community for your camper.

### *3. What is a pod?*

A pod is a group of up to 150 campers who will follow the same schedule throughout the day. Each pod is made up of a maximum of 10 cabin groups of up to 10 campers. It is essentially a smaller camp within the overall SAMBICA camp.

### *4. How are buddy requests being handled?*

Cabin groups of 10 will be grouped by age, so buddy requests within one grade level should be able to be honored as usual.

### *5. What if my campers are siblings and are in different pods? How can I pick them up or drop them off?*

Drop-off and Pick-up times will be able to be accommodated by coming to the earliest Drop-off time and the latest Pick-up time.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 425-746-9110.