



July 16, 2020

Dear OC Community,

It was wonderful to “see” the twenty-nine families who showed up for our Parents’ Meeting last night. Thank you for joining us, and for asking thoughtful questions, sharing your ideas, and helping us think outside the box.

Since our last bi-weekly update, we have continued to solidify plans for the fall. We remain hopeful that we will be able to return to campus, *and* we are cognizant of the fact that even the best laid plans may need to shift as information continues to change daily. With just shy of eight weeks before our first day of programs, it feels like both forever and no time at all. As mentioned last night, both the physical and emotional well-being of your young people, as well as the safety of our staff, remains paramount in our decision-making process. Toward that end, here are some safety measures that have been put into place:

- **A significant portion of each program day will be spent outside.** We continue to explore creative solutions for providing physical shelter outside during times of inclement weather.
- **Facial Coverings:** both youth and Facilitators will be required to wear masks inside buildings at all times. When outside and not able to consistently social distance, masks will also be worn. Face shields will be an acceptable alternative for younger youth.
- **Cohorts:** youth will be interacting with peers in their respective programs; in an effort to decrease the number of people youth will be coming into contact with at OC we will not be mixing programs.
- **Bathrooms:** each program will be assigned a different bathroom(s) to use for the program year. Again, this will limit potential germ exposure.
- **Hygiene:** We have purchased motion-sensored hand-sanitizer dispensers that are placed inside each of the exterior doors. Additionally, we will require handwashing at the following times: upon arrival to OC, before snack and lunch, and before leaving OC. (And, of course, additional times, like after using the restroom, being at the creek, etc.)
- **Cleaning protocols:** In addition to the regular, daily cleanings that our cleaning service has always provided at the end of each program day, they will also be increasing the cleaning of high-touch surfaces. Furthermore, we will also be cleaning throughout the program day.
- **Daily Health Screenings:** we will be requiring daily health screenings prior to coming on campus. We are still receiving guidance as to what exactly these will look like (whether they will be a self-reporting questionnaire, temperature checks, etc.)

Please know that none of these decisions were made lightly. We feel an incredible responsibility to make decisions that are informed, scientifically supported, and appropriately cautious. We remain committed to providing the type of high quality programs you’ve come to expect and love at OC, while also offering a nurturing and warm

environment. We recognize the importance of maintaining an environment that takes into account both the physical and emotional safety of your young people.

We will continue to update you on a bi-weekly basis. As always, if you have questions, concerns, or wishes that you would like to discuss, please reach out to us directly.

In partnership,

Julia, Mike, and Rick

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