



Dear Parents & Guardians,

First and foremost, we hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. We want to take the time to share with camp families about how the recent lifting of pandemic restrictions will affect upcoming summer camps at HF&G.

Below is a summary of Holden Forests & Gardens updated pandemic protocols for Summer Camp 2021 in accordance with the new CDC guidelines:

- **Masks are no longer required OUTDOORS** for children or staff regardless of vaccination status*.
- **Masks are required INDOORS** for both children and staff participating in Summer Camp regardless of vaccination status**.
- Sanitization, cleaning, and handwashing practices will remain diligent.
- Social distancing will take affect indoors during lunch and snack times (when masks cannot be worn).
- Camp families should perform a daily self-administered health check. Be on the lookout for symptoms of COVID-19, which include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, and loss of taste or smell. If your child exhibits any of the above symptoms or if they have come in to contact with someone who has, they should not come to camp.
- Temperatures will be taken upon arrival – if a camper’s temperature reads over 100.4, they will not be admitted to camp that day.
- Campers are welcome and encouraged to continue to wear a mask if they so choose. Camp staff will do their best to enforce mask wearing for those who have noted it.

**All members of the Education Department at Holden Forests & Gardens have been vaccinated. This information has been shared with consent.*

*** HF&G as an institution is encouraging all guests under the age of 12 to wear masks indoors. Vaccinated adult guests & staff are no longer required to wear masks indoors or out, and we are employing the honor system.*

We thank you for your patience and flexibility as we continue to navigate this pandemic. We know these times have been stressful to many and recognize that socializing and interacting with peers can be a healthy way for children to cope with stress and connect with others, particularly after spending quite a bit of time at home. We are looking forward to some much-needed time spent in nature together.

If you have a specific question about this plan, please contact Hannah Morris at hmorris@holdenfg.org. You can also find more information regarding COVID-19 at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you,

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