

# AllTogetherNow! Summer Camps Protocol

Effective June-August 2020 (updated 6.15.20)

Due to the enormous changes and challenges brought by the pandemic, many of our policies and procedures have changed to protect the health and safety of our children, families, and staff. Parent's understanding and cooperation is critical to minimizing our collective risk of exposure to COVID-19.

**We will make every effort to communicate clearly with families since our policies and protocols will be evolving to meet the needs of our community and follow the guidelines offered by the state.**

## Arrival at AllTogetherNow! (ATN):

Parents or caregivers who are self-quarantining due to close contact with a COVID-19 positive person or people should NOT drop-off or pick-up children.

We are offering a spacious window for arrivals in order to minimize contact between families upon arrival. All campers can arrive between 8:40-9:15 am. Early care arrival is 8-8:30 am for families that sign-up for that.

### The arrival protocol is as follows:

1. Upon arrival at ATN, please keep a six-foot distance between other families arriving for check-in. This should only take a few minutes. We appreciate your patience.
2. You will be greeted by Dr. Opeyemi Parham ("Dr. O") at a table in front of the garage. She will greet you and your child wearing gloves, mask, glasses. We ask that all adults wear a cloth facial covering when dropping-off and picking-up.
3. These are the questions you can expect to be asked during the daily health check and the process for taking temperatures. Please be aware that intentionally omitting information or offering false or misleading information will result in immediate withdrawal from the program.
  - Has your child been in close contact with a person who has tested positive with COVID-19?
  - Does your child feel unwell with any symptoms consistent with COVID-19? For example, do they have, or have they had, a cough, high temperature, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, diarrhea, or new loss of taste or smell?
  - Has your child taken any fever-reducing medicines (ibuprofen, acetaminophen, etc.)?
  - Does your child show any signs of infection, which could include flushed cheeks, fatigue, irritability, or other signs (observed by staff)?
  - We will then take your child's temperature with a touch-free thermometer and record his or her temperature. A temperature over 100.4 is considered a fever for these purposes.
  - Because the risk of infection from COVID-19 is still very real in our community, children who are exhibiting any symptoms of *any illness* may not attend ATN Summer Camp. This includes normal childhood illnesses such as colds and coughs that have usually been par for the course. If you suspect that your child has seasonal allergies, please be in touch with your health care provider to have her/him make this determination.

- If you answer yes to any of the above questions, your child may not attend ATN on that day. If a child has a fever, he or she must be fever-free for 72 hours before they return to camp.

4. Once your child has been screened, please accompany your child to the outdoor sink and help your child wash hands according to the posted guidelines, and deposit their things in the bin they've brought from home.
5. We ask parents to drop their child(ren) off at the gate to the pool yard and say goodbye.
6. **Please note: posted at the sign-in table will be a cell phone contact for one of the lead staff each day.**

## Children Attending Camp

Anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 or awaiting test results should self-isolate until:

1. 72 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medication AND
2. Other symptoms have improved AND
3. At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

We expect that families whose children are in attendance will follow the current Governor's Orders around Health and Safety Precautions. You can view these orders at <https://vem.vermont.gov/covid19>. At the time of writing, this includes practicing physical distancing with people who are not in your family and CURRENT self-quarantining travel guidelines (as seen here [accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/restart/cross-state-travel](https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/restart/cross-state-travel)) to keep us all safe.

If you are an Out-Of-State family or have visitors from hot spots, please let us know your quarantine protocol.

## What to bring each day (please **\*\*LABEL EVERYTHING\*\***)

(Because of the risk of exposure from items brought from home, your child will be limited in what they can bring with them each day.)

- On the first day of camp, signed paper copy of p. 5 of this form
- Medium-sized storage bin to be an outdoor cubby--this will go home each day
- Small day pack for hikes
- Clothing appropriate for the weather that day, specifically rain gear since we will be outside in all weather, a full change of clothes and a bathing suit.
- Snacks and lunch (with utensils)
- Sunblock (and please apply before arrival)
- Towel
- Sun hat
- Water bottle
- 2 cloth facial coverings (preferably ones that hang around the neck)
- Non-toxic insect repellent (optional)

## If a Child Becomes Sick at Camp

While we will be doing daily health screens and temperature checks, it can happen that children become sick while at camp. Because of the heightened health and safety practices at this time, it is absolutely critical that if your child becomes ill you are able to come and pick him or her up in no more than 30-45 minutes. Make sure you can be reached at all times, and if not, make sure we know who to contact to come and pick up your child quickly.

While maintaining the child's privacy, if a child becomes sick at camp or test positive for COVID we will inform all participating camp families.

## **Use of Cloth Facial Coverings**

In keeping with Health and Safety guidelines, ATN staff will wear cloth facial coverings when inside or within six feet apart while outside. Although the state guidelines do not require camp age children to wear masks, we will suggest that while they're inside or less than six feet apart that they do wear masks.

## **Physical (Social) Distancing in the Camp Setting**

Physical distancing is still the best way to slow the spread of the virus; although it is recognized that this is frequently not possible in settings with children.

We will be implementing strategies that are developmentally appropriate but also recognize that children will be close to one another and that it is not possible or beneficial to maintain complete physical distance. Camp Staff will absolutely hug and provide close physical comfort to children when it is needed.

In addition, we will be spending most (if not all) of our time outside, which is the healthiest place possible at this time. When indoors, windows will be open at all times.

## **Parent Communication**

To minimize contact, all parent-staff communication should be done over the phone or by email. We want to know pertinent information about your child. Posted at the sign-in table will be a cell phone contact for one of the lead staff each day. *Please communicate with that week's lead teacher through the cell number listed at the sign-in table daily rather than in person.* You can also try 223.1242 during camp hours or to leave a message overnight. While we will miss our face to face time with parents, it is absolutely critical that pick-up and drop-off be as swift as possible.

You can also reach Ellen and Janice via email at [alltogethernowvt@gmail.com](mailto:alltogethernowvt@gmail.com).

## **Pick-up Procedure**

Pick-up time is 3-3:15pm (or until 5pm for aftercare). Unless the weather does not permit, you can expect to find us outside in the pool yard at pick-up time. There are two gates to the pool yard from the parking area. We will plan to have your child ready to go with their bin. Please keep six feet apart from other families during pick-up time. To keep things moving smoothly, as with arrivals, pick-up time should be brief and conversation with staff or other families should be kept to a minimum.

If you plan to pick-up your child early, please indicate at sign-in AND call/text the lead teacher to ensure that we have your child ready to go when you arrive.

## **Refund Policy**

Should you choose to withdraw from camps more than 2 weeks prior to the start, the deposit will not be refunded, however, the balance will be returned. Should you choose to withdraw within two weeks of the camp start date, then no refunds will be issued. Should camps get canceled due to State mandate we will keep the deposits and return the balance.

## **Contingency Planning**

Due to smaller group sizes and the need to maintain consistent group sizes, it may occur that we do not have sufficient staffing to open camp on a given day should a teacher become ill. We are working to troubleshoot these issues as best we can. We also know that we should expect that navigating the future with COVID-19 may involve some stops, starts, and re-adjustments. We will be using guidance from the Governor's Office, the Vermont Department of Health, and the Child Development Division to inform any future decisions. We will, of course, try to give families as much notice as possible should there be any changes. We do know that we should expect disruptions in the future, and families are encouraged to create contingency plans for the care of their children should camp not be available on a given day or should the need for a longer closure arise.

Clear communication will be key for navigating camp opening under these circumstances. Please be in contact if you have any questions or concerns. Please be patient with us as we learn how to operate under the new guidelines. I expect that some of our processes, like drop-off and pick-up, may require some tweaking before we get it quite right. As always, we are grateful for your support and understanding.

# Protocol Agreement

I have read and understand the current AllTogetherNow! Summer Camp 2020 Protocol (drafted in June 2020 and updated weekly) and agree to comply with the policies and guidelines. I have discussed this with my child.

**ALL parent/caregivers, including anyone who will do pick-up or drop-off, have reviewed, understand, and agree to the following:**

- Arrival Procedure
- Children Attending Camp
- What to Bring
- If Your Child Becomes Sick
- Use of Facial Coverings
- Physical (Social) Distancing
- Parent Communication
- Pick-up Procedure
- Refund Policy
- Contingency Planning

Within the last week, I have visited the website of the Governor's Orders around Health and Safety Precautions at <https://vem.vermont.gov/covid19>. I agree to comply with the recommended guidelines, including around travel and out-of-state visitors.

Camper name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent /  
Caregiver: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_