



Sacramento SPCA's Education Department Policies & FAQs Regarding COVID-19

Are we hosting Summer Camp Kindness in person?

Yes! We are planning on running in-person Camp Kindness this summer.

The Sacramento County of Public Health states that, "Day camps in Sacramento County are allowed to open their facilities with restrictions." They recommend no more than 14 children or youth per cohort. We will have 10 children per cohort. See the *Sacramento County COVID-19 Industry Guidance for Day Camps* under the references section at the bottom of this document for more information.

We believe that it is important to provide an enriching outlet for local youth during these challenging times of living in the midst of a global pandemic.

What is being done to help manage disease prevention?

The safety and health of our youth participants is always the highest priority with all of our programs. We have always taken great care to develop and maintain medical practices to address a variety of communicable diseases, both common and rare.

To help mitigate potential transmission, we have made the following camp policy changes:

- Increasing our already intensive cleaning policies following official recommendations. This includes sanitizing door handles, countertops, restrooms, and other surfaces 3 times a day in public-accessed spaces. Most of our camp will take place outside or in a room not accessed by the public. More details about current cleaning and disease prevention protocols are available upon request.
- Keeping camp sessions in stable groups of 10 ("stable" means that the same 10 or fewer children are in the same group each day) in accordance with our state's current COVID requirements.
- Holding as many activities as possible outdoors and in well-ventilated areas of the shelter. Outdoor activities are weather dependent.
- All individuals on the Sacramento SPCA's campus (including campers) are required to wear masks on site.
- Guardians will be asked to sign a statement confirming that no one in the household is experiencing symptoms upon arrival to camp.
- Staff, volunteers, and campers will have their temperature taken upon arriving at camp daily.
- We will continue to incorporate hand sanitizing and hand washing several times a day into our schedule and maintain good hygiene and disease prevention practices.

Policies regarding COVID-19 are changing daily, and we are following these updates closely. If recommendations from local or federal government agencies change, we will adjust accordingly and keep you informed.

Can my child get COVID-19 from interacting with the dogs & cats at the shelter?

According to the Center of Disease Control, “In the United States, there is no evidence that animals are playing a significant role in the spread of COVID-19. Based on the limited information available to date, the risk of animals spreading COVID-19 to people is considered to be low. However, because all animals can carry germs that can make people sick, it’s always a good idea to practice healthy habits around pets and other animals.” We will continue to have campers hand sanitize after and in between animal interactions.

What are the signs & symptoms that I should leave my child at home?

Just like with the flu and other illnesses, we ask that campers, volunteers, and staff stay at home if they are experiencing distress or showing contagious symptoms.

For COVID-19, symptoms include a fever, cough and/or shortness of breath. If your child is showing these symptoms or has had possible exposure to COVID-19 (either through a contact with a known exposure or through recent travel abroad) we ask that you please keep your child home from programing. If you have any concerns, we recommend you discuss them with your doctor.

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
						
Temperature of 100.4 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active head lice	Redness, itching, and/or "crusty" drainage from eye	Hospital stay and/or ER visit

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...

Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication i.e Tylenol, Motrin	Free from vomiting for 24 hours	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash, itching, or fever I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided to nurse	Evaluated by my doctor and have a note to return to school	Released by my medical provider to return to school
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In order to promote illness prevention, we have adjusted our cancellation policy for the 2021 summer camp season. Due to the current health situation, we are adjusting our current camp cancellation policy to the following:

- For cancellations made 14 days or more prior to the program's start date, you may choose between a refund minus a \$25 administrative fee will be provided to your credit card OR a full refund to your registration account's balance.
- For cancellations made less than 14 days prior to the program's start date, we will provide a full credit to your registration account balance for any absence due to illness.
- To promote good public health, we are willing to credit \$40 per sick day to your account. To receive this credit, you must contact us the day before or morning of camp before 9:00am to let us know your child will be absent that day due to illness. We are unable to provide individual make-up days at this time.
- If your child ends up canceling for a full duration of camp due to illness, we will work with you to see if there is space is available in another Summer Camp session after the period of illness is over. Rescheduling due to illness is subject to availability, and campers will placed into program waitlists, if applicable.
- Registration Account balances can be used at a later date to either reschedule the same program or sign up any of our other education programs, such as birthday parties, group tours, or youth volunteer opportunities. We also provide Spring, Thanksgiving and Winter break camps.
- Should local or federal Sheltering In Place regulations be put into place, we would adjust accordingly and offer full refunds should camp be unable to run this year.

If your family has experienced financial hardships during this time, or has immunocompromised related concerns, please reach out to us for further discussion. Otherwise, keeping the funds as credit allows us to use program fees to continue our support and care of community animal care during this time.

If you would like to request a cancellation, please email education@sspca.org & provide the following information:

- Your child's first and last name
- The program & session date (IE: Summer Camp Kindness Week 1 June 23-25)

Please note that cancellation requests may take several days to process.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us!

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References:

California Department of Public Health COVID-19 Interim Guidance: Day Camps –
<https://emd.saccounty.net/EMD-COVID-19-Information/Documents/COVID-19%20Guidance%20for%20Day%20Camps.pdf>

Guidance for Operating Youth and Summer Camps During COVID-19 -
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html#anchor_1619121317967

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