NHMU recognizes the unique risks and challenges that any communicable disease, but especially COVID-19, present to the camp community. Our goal, as always, is to create high-quality, curiosity-inspiring, science-based camp experiences while also keeping your kids and our staff safe. In response to these on-going goals, and keeping in mind what we know about the current risks and challenges, we have developed the following Summer 2022 Communicable Disease/COVID-19 Plan. Based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the American Camp Association (ACA), the Association of Camp Nursing (ACN), as well as from the University of Utah and the Utah Department of Health, this plan outlines prevention, response, and recovery policies and procedures. It is subject to change based on changes in the guidance. We will not hesitate to cancel camps at any point if we feel we can no longer run summer camp safely.

Prevention
The safety of camp this summer depends on a partnership between camp staff and camp families. What happens outside of camp is just as important as what happens within it. In order to have a healthy camp, we need healthy campers and staff. If any individual is showing symptoms of COVID-19, they will not be allowed to participate in the program unless they receive medical attention from a medical professional and receive a negative communicable disease test. NHMU reserves the right to not admit an individual until healthy.

Screening
- Pre-screening, done at home, prior to attendance in program:
  - Continuous self-screening of all camp participants and staff for the presence of symptoms (fever of 100.4 or greater, cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, fatigue, headache, muscle aches, nausea, loss of taste or smell, vomiting, etc).
  - If symptoms present, medical attention and/or testing is required and a negative test result is required before attending camp.
- Screening procedures when arriving to camp each day include:
  - Questions about possible symptoms of COVID-19.
  - Questions about contact with another individual who have been diagnosed with, tested for, or quarantined because of COVID-19.
  - Questions about traveling.

Responding to Possible and Confirmed Cases of COVID-19
In the event that an individual presents COVID-19 symptoms during the program:
1. They will be removed from the camp session immediately and isolated. If staff, they will go home. If a camper, parent/guardian will be called. Individual will need to be picked up within 30 minutes. Emergency contacts will be called if parent/guardian can’t be reached.
2. Individuals should get tested for COVID-19 and should isolate until test results are in.

If a suspected case of COVID-19 is confirmed:
- An exposure is defined as an individual who has been in close contact (less than six feet) for longer than 15 minutes (total in a 24-hour period) with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19.
  1. Once a diagnosis is made by via a viral test, communication to the Camp Director should be reported ASAP so that contact tracing can begin.
  2. Staff and campers who were in contact with the infected individual will be contacted and next steps will be outlined as follows:
     a. Individuals do not need to quarantine, and can return to camp, if they:
i. are up to date with COVID-19 vaccines OR
ii. have had confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days (tested positive using a viral test)

1. The exposed person should wear a well-fitting mask around others for 10 days from the date of your last close contact (the date of this contact is considered day 0).
2. The exposed person should get tested at least 5 days after the close contact. If you test positive, or develop COVID-19 symptoms, follow recommendation for isolation.
3. If you tested positive for COVID-19 with a viral test within the previous 90 days and subsequently recovered and remain without COVID-19 symptoms, you do not need to quarantine or get tested after close contact.

b. Individuals do need to quarantine (even if they don’t have symptoms), and cannot return to camp, if they:
   1. are not up to date with COVID-19 vaccines or
   2. are not vaccinated, and should stay home and isolate away from others for at least 5 full days.
      a. People who have symptoms can end isolation after 5 full days only if they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and if other symptoms have improved.
      b. Everyone should wear a well-fitting mask when around others at home and in public for an additional 5 days after ending isolation.

3. The areas used by the infected individual will be closed off, cleaned, and disinfected.
4. Camp programming will continue for any unaffected campers and staff.
5. If other individuals begin to show symptoms, they will be immediately removed and isolated from others to receive further medical attention.
6. If the outbreak progresses, the Program Director will work with the Executive Director and others to make decisions regarding the feasibility of continuing camp.

Preventing Spread

- **Hand Hygiene:**
  - Many communicable diseases, including COVID-19, can pass person to person through contact. An individual’s hands are one of the most contacted contact points and should be consistently cleaned to lower the spread of a disease.
  - All staff and campers will be required to wash their hands with soap and water:
    - When arriving at camp each morning.
    - Before and after eating food.
    - After being in contact with someone who is sick.
    - After using the restroom.
    - After using common items, such as activity equipment.
    - After coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose
    - After touching frequently touched surfaces.
  - Hand sanitizer will be located around camp for hand cleaning when soap and water are not accessible.

- **Physical Distancing:**
  - Physical distancing procedures will be utilized, when possible, in all camp sessions.
Cleaning & Disinfection
- Cleaning and disinfection practices will differ for different areas and equipment. In general, cleaning and disinfection will happen multiple times throughout the day in common use areas, and daily for activity area equipment.
- In addition to frequent disinfection, electrostatic foggers will be utilized each evening in lab spaces used for the program.

Training
- Staff will be trained on preventing spread and illness reducing strategies, cleaning and disinfection and their role in the response plan.
- Staff will provide campers with training on proper handwashing and other illness reducing strategies, such as coughing into the elbow.

Communication
- Camp Director will communicate to campers and parents, informing them of the screening process, safety measures, and the Communicable Disease Plan.
- Camp Director will communicate with summer camp staff, informing them of safety measures, the Communicable Disease Plan and other educational resources, as well as potential changes to their role.

Transfer, Cancelation and Refund Policies
- **Transfers:** If you need to transfer your child out of one camp session and into a different camp session, you may do so until three weeks before the original camp date/time, **IF** there is a spot in the desired camp. Please register your child for the desired camp and then email the Camp Director at programs@nhmu.utah.edu. Let us know what camp you need to withdraw your child from. A refund, less a $15 fee, will be credited to your credit card for the original camp. If a program does not reach its minimum enrollment, you will be notified at least two weeks before the starting date and your tuition will be fully refunded. Allow up to two weeks for refund.
- **Cancellation:** If you need to cancel your child’s camp registration, email the Camp Director at programs@nhmu.utah.edu as soon as possible. If we are able to fill your spot, you will receive a full refund, less a $15 fee. If we are not able to fill your spot, we will refund 60% of your registration fee.
- **COVID-19 Related Refund Policy:** If NHMU needs to cancel a program due to a COVID-19 exposure, potential exposure and/or for contact tracing reasons, program participants will receive a pro-rated refund. For example, if a camp session is cancelled due to a direct COVID-19 exposure on Tuesday, participants will be refunded for Wednesday and Thursday.
- If camps are cancelled due to federal, state and/or local health measures regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, full refunds will be issued, less $15 in processing and administrative fees.

Recovery & Mitigation
The length of time these control measures need to be implemented will be determined by the communicable disease and under the guidance of the CDC, University of Utah, and the Utah Department of Health. Control measures should not be removed too soon due to the danger of the re-emergence of the disease. Camp staff will be in contact with local health officials for assistance in this area. This Communicable Disease Plan will be constantly evaluated and updated as needed.
Updated Procedures for Camp 2022

- **Check-In:** To limit large gatherings and exposure, our check-in process will be similar to camp 2021.
  - Check-in for 2nd-5th grade sessions will occur from 8:15 – 8:30am and will take place in the Museum’s turnaround.
  - Check-in for Kindergarten & 1st grade sessions will occur from 9:00-9:15am in the Museum’s turnaround.
  - Drop-off will only be allowed in timed windows, unless advance notice is given to the Camp Director. No early drop off of any individuals, including of siblings that may be in an earlier or later camp session.
  - We recommend only one parent/guardian bring the camper to drop-off.
  - Parents are to stay in their cars during drop off; we request that masks be worn by all individuals inside the vehicle.
  - Parents/guardians will not be allowed to enter the Museum during this time.
  - Each camper will go through a screening process, each day of camp, with general questions asked about the camper’s health.
  - All staff will be asked to always wear a mask.
  - Please pack medications separate from the camper’s belongings, as our staff will take medications during this check-in. Medications should be in a clear, plastic zip-lock style baggie with the name of the child, the name of the medication, and dosages clearly written.

- **During Camp:**
  - Group sizes for each camp session are reduced to 10-15 kids and 2-3 staff.
  - Well-fitting masks are highly recommended for all staff and campers. Face coverings should cover both the nose and mouth. Plastic face shields do not meet this requirement but may be worn in conjunction with a cloth mask. Mask with exhalation valves or vents do not meet the face covering requirement and should not be worn.
  - Face coverings should be changed or laundered routinely. If individuals come to camp with a dirty mask, or if it gets dirty during programming, NHMU will provide a clean, disposable mask.
  - As much as possible, camp sessions will not come into contact with one another. This will help with contact tracing and limits exposure risks.
  - NHMU will not provide snacks, but will provide a time for a snack from home to be consumed.
  - Snack and lunch times will take place outside. Campers will be socially distanced and will be allowed to remove their mask.
  - Hand washing and sanitization stations will be placed throughout the building.
  - Classrooms and camp spaces will be cleaned and sanitized throughout the day.

- **Check-Out / Pick-Up:**
  - Check-out / pick-up for kindergarten sessions will occur from at Noon and will take place in the Museum’s turnaround.
  - Check-out / pick-up for 1st grade sessions will occur at 4pm in the Museum’s turnaround.
  - Check-out / pick-up 2nd-6th grade sessions will occur at 4:30pm in the Museum’s turnaround.
  - Check-out / pick-up will only be allowed in timed windows unless advance notice is given to the Camp Director.
  - We recommend only one parent/guardian bring the camper to check-out/pick-up.
  - Parents are to stay in their cars during check-out/pick-up; masks are requested to be worn by all individuals inside the vehicle.
  - Parents/guardians will not be allowed to enter the Museum during this time to check-out/pick-up their camper.
Safety Partnership between Camp and Families
The safety of camp this summer depends on a partnership between camp staff and camp families. Below is a summary of Camp Family responsibilities:

- Self-screening for the presence of COVID-19 symptoms (fever of 100.4 or greater, cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, fatigue, headache, muscles aches, nausea, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, vomiting, etc).
- Package all medicine in a clear zip lock bag labeled with camper name, medicine name and dosage.
- Follow all recommendations for check in and check out and wear a face cover.