



Northern Pines

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Northern Pines 2021 Covid Policies and Procedures Update:

First, we want to thank all our Northern Pines' conferees and families for their prayers and patience as we have worked through our processes for dealing with COVID at our 2021 summer conferences. Our goal is to have both a safe conference for all who attend, but also a conference that will feel like the premier Northern Pines experience we all have grown to love. Our COVID committee has been hard at work all year and we are now ready to move forward and get ready for camp. We want to give a special thanks to that committee and the Wisconsin doctors who have been invaluable in the help they provided as we navigated this tough situation.

We will identify our considerations and priorities first, then go into specifics as they relate to camp. As always, we know this is an incredibly fluid situation and we reserve the right to change our policies and procedures as local, state, and federal law and recommendations change and as Green Lake Conference Center policies dictates.

Considerations and Priorities

1. Northern Pines is a unique family camp with 4 generations consistently represented each week. This presents numerous challenges not faced by adult-only conferences or youth-only camps, as the severity of this illness increases with age.
2. We have two top priorities. First, keeping all conference attendees, staff (including Green Lake Conference Center staff) as safe as possible and second, providing as normal and impactful Northern Pines experience as possible that has become an essential part of so many families' spiritual legacy.
3. We need to rely on up-to-date and accurate information from those who know best. We know getting good information is sometimes difficult in today's world, but we are incredibly blessed to have on our board and as attendees a number of doctors who are at the forefront of COVID efforts in Wisconsin. We are incredibly indebted to their first-hand knowledge, insight, and wisdom as we have worked through this process.
4. We have a wide range of experiences, both collectively and individually, as we have worked through this process. We want to be sensitive to all experiences knowing that many long-time Northern Pines attendees have lost loved ones (including spouses) due to this disease. There are also a variety of personal experiences and opinions that exist regarding this issue, and we acknowledge this wide range of individual comfort levels.

Our camp policies and procedures can be found on the Policies and Procedures document. If you have questions or concerns, please communicate directly with Dean (djaderston@npines.org) or Julie (jjaderston@npines.org). Please continue to pray for our board and our staff as we work hard to implement these changes and prepare to see you in July and August. The board is so excited to have you and your family join us this summer. We've all been away for far too long!

Trusting God for **GREAT** things this summer!

The Northern Pines Board of Directors