



Policies and Procedures:

1. We will abide by all local, state, and federal laws and expectations, including those of Green Lake Conference Center. **At this time, all staff and conferees must wear masks in the Kraft lobby area and while in line waiting for food in the dining hall. These are the only mandatory requirements for masks.**

2. We believe the best way to keep people safe is to keep COVID out of camp. **Therefore, we plan to be “mask-optional” for all other areas of camp (i.e., beyond those listed above) if conferees can answer “Yes” to just one of three questions for all attendees junior high age and older:**

1. Have you been vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus?

or

2. Have you been previously diagnosed with COVID-19 and have fully recovered more than 7 days prior to coming to camp?

or

3. Have you received a negative test for COVID-19 within 72 hours of coming to camp?

We will not be asking for physical proof, but all conferees will turn in a release form at registration for their family attesting their response to these questions. Again, conferees only must answer “Yes” to one of these three questions.

We understand there might be some who cannot or will not be able to do so. We would lovingly suggest that if someone is uncomfortable with this policy that it is okay not to attend Northern Pines this summer and we will gladly give them a full refund.

3. Our Wilderness program faces some unique challenges this summer. Since they sleep in bunk rooms and COVID vaccines are not yet approved for their age group, we strongly encourage Wilderness age campers to have a negative test within 72 hours of coming to camp to help ensure as safe of an experience as possible.

4. We have implemented new COVID response procedures including testing, quarantine rooms, and training for our staff in the case we have someone who comes down with symptoms. Our goal is to act quickly, safely, and responsibly to keep both individuals and our whole camp safe.

5. We have implemented several programming changes which we believe will make our week together even more impactful but will also help people from a wide variety of perspectives and experiences enjoy camp at their own comfort level. We have improved flow in the dining hall to avoid congestion. We have also made adjustments for sessions and activities, including, but not limited to, moving as many things outdoors as possible.

6. Above all, we are asking people to come excited and expectant for a powerful week of camp, and to come in the spirit of Ephesians 4:3: *Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.* We are all going to have to be patient and bear with each other in love...this is new territory for all of us. Our goal is to have a “bond of peace” that overshadows the fear of COVID, and just like every other year at Northern Pines, find those things that unify us as followers of Jesus and bring us together from all over to have this week of Northern Pines we all hold so sacred in our families.