Winter Vision Health & Safety Policy

We are dedicated to safeguarding the well-being of our students and staff throughout Winter Vision. Our comprehensive health and safety guidelines encompass a variety of measures, including general camp rules, staff training, background checks, on-site security procedures, and strategies for illness prevention.

Our aim is to create an inclusive and safe environment that welcomes all camp attendees. We considered the different health needs of our campers, such as those with food allergies or compromised immune systems, and implemented a number of measures.

In the years leading up to 2018, we observed an increase in student illnesses at camp, which is not uncommon during the winter season. In response, we designated cabins for quarantine, established regular surface disinfection, and emphasized handwashing. In 2019, we also provided face masks to students to allow them to still participate in camp activities while keeping others safe.

Since resuming in-person camp after the COVID-19 pandemic, we firmly believe that taking proactive measures is vital to ensure the health and safety of both our students and staff during their time at camp and when they return home. Given the nature of the many respiratory infections prevalent during this season, we're implementing multiple layers of mitigation designed to promote a safe experience in both large and small group settings.

We appreciate your trust in us and look forward to worshiping together at camp.

In Christ,
Winter Vision Director & Camp Medics

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SUMMARY

- ➔ **Staff training, background checks, student interactions**
  - ◆ Background checks performed for staff and cabin leaders via Live Scan
  - ◆ Mandated Reporter Training requirement for staff and cabin leaders
  - ◆ 1:1s in public spaces
  - ◆ Open blinds during cabin times
- ➔ **No visitors at camp; morning/evening security rounds**
- ➔ **Advise staff/students against bringing nuts or homemade food to camp**
- ➔ **Infectious Disease Mitigation**
  - ◆ No vaccination requirement
  - ◆ Masking optional, but subject to change. Masking will be required if exhibiting cold/flu symptoms.
  - ◆ Ventilate cabins and meeting areas by opening windows and doors.
  - ◆ Air purifiers in all cabins.
- ➔ **COVID-19 Protocols**
  - ◆ Given rapid test to self-test
  - ◆ Quarantined if positive antigen test / ill
  - ◆ Students that test positive must be picked up immediately by parent/guardian
  - ◆ Students that test positive will not be allowed on the SoCal bus. They must be picked up by a parent/guardian.
- ➔ **No cellphone reception at camp, bring quarters for payphone**

GENERAL MEDICAL ATTENTION

Our camp medic will assess students needing medical attention.

- If symptoms are life-threatening, medic will call 911. Parents will be called ASAP.
- If symptoms are not life-threatening, parents will be called to determine next steps of care.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE MITIGATION AND PROTOCOLS

Vaccination

Vaccination will not be required to attend camp. However, we encourage you to follow your doctor's recommendations and guidelines.

Masking

Use of face masks will be optional. Masks will be required for any staff/student exhibiting symptoms of respiratory infection.

Please note that our masking policy may change as we enter the winter season and get closer to camp. We will be consulting with our medical staff to make that determination. We will update all registrants accordingly.

While masking is currently optional, we still recommend that masks should be brought to camp by each staff/student, one or two each day.

Ventilation

Winter Vision staff will use open doors and windows before, during, and after sessions to the best of our ability (weather permitting). We will encourage cabins to open their windows to air out cabins. Fan-driven air purifiers will be in each cabin.

Hygiene

Winter Vision staff will wipe down high-touch surfaces (door handles, railings, switches, etc.) and hand out anti-bacterial wipes for each cabin leader after each session. We will encourage all staff and students to practice personal hygiene (handwashing, covering mouth while coughing/sneezing, etc.) to keep themselves and others healthy.

Infectious Disease Protocols

Testing administration

- If a student or staffer exhibits symptoms consistent with a respiratory illness, we will recommend they be tested for COVID-19 and influenza.
- Winter Vision medical staff will observe the camper self-perform the antigen test. If needed, a camp medic will administer the test.

    a. If the student tests positive for COVID-19 or influenza, they will need to be moved to a quarantine cabin.

    b. If the student does not test positive for COVID-19or influenza, they may be permitted to return to camp but will be monitored by their cabin leader and staff. They may be asked to wear a mask if there is still suspicion of a respiratory infection.

- Parents will be notified if their students are tested and the result (positive or negative).

Quarantining

- We will reserve 2 Douglas cabins (directly next to the Nurse's office) for quarantine. 1 for female students, 1 for male students.
- Medical staff will not remain in the cabin with those quarantining, however, they will be regularly monitoring students by checking in periodically.
- At least two staffers will be checking in on quarantined students. In other words, a staffer should never be alone with any camper(s) as a proactive safety measure.
- During the day, quarantine cabins will have their windows/doors open (weather permitting). This allows us to monitor who goes in and out, provides ventilation, and gives us a way to check in via the doorway to ask how students are doing.

Recordkeeping

Winter Vision medical staff will maintain records of infectious disease cases.

- Records include the camp attendees' name, contact information, date of positive COVID-19 test, and symptoms. All medical information will be kept confidential.
- The log of infectious disease cases will be made available to medical staff, directors, and registrar. Cabin leaders will only be notified on a need-to-know basis.

Parent/guardian pick up policy

- Parents must pick up their student immediately if the student is deemed to have a contagious illness such as a respiratory infection.
    a. If a student becomes sick with a contagious illness Sunday afternoon/evening, parents from NorCal should plan to pick up immediately. For those in SoCal, they will be advised to start driving first thing Monday morning to arrive by the time camp ends.
- Students who become sick with a contagious illness will not be able to go back on the bus down to Socal. Parents should plan to pick them up immediately.

REGISTRATION, CHECK IN, AND FOOD ALLERGIES

Registration

Medication information, allergy information, etc. will be collected in the online registration form when parents/guardians register students for camp.

Check in process for medication

At camp check in, we will have a process to collect any medication. They must include instructions/administration schedules.

Food Allergies

While we cannot guarantee an allergy-free environment on the Socal bus or at camp, we strongly advise all staff and students against bringing nuts or homemade food to camp. There's a separate refrigerator available in the dining hall kitchen for staff and students to store their meals and snacks if needed.

STAFF/CABIN LEADER AND STUDENT INTERACTIONS

Background checks & training

Background checks will be performed for all staff and cabin leaders via Live Scan.

Mandated Reporter Training is required of all staff and cabin leaders.

Conducting 1:1s with students

This is a time at camp where cabin leaders can schedule individual time with each student in their cabin. This is a great opportunity for deeper conversations that may not happen in a larger group setting. Cabin leaders are encouraged to get to know their students by asking questions, actively listening, and finding opportunities to have faith-related conversations.

1:1s should be conducted in a public space where the cabin leader and student can be seen by others. They should not be done in the cabin with no other staff or students around.

Cabin Time

Cabin time takes place after each session where cabin leaders guide and facilitate group discussions about the message.

Cabin times can take place within the actual cabin with the blinds open. Alternatively, cabins can meet in outdoor spaces on the campgrounds or inside the dining hall.

GENERAL CAMP RULES

Camp rules

Below are our camp rules that every staff and student must abide by. These are included in the camp program and printed for every attendee.

1. Blessed are those who remain in their cabins quietly after lights are out, for they will not be apprehended by security.
2. Blessed are those who let their cabin leader or the camp medic know immediately if they get sick or hurt, no matter how big or small the incident, for they will receive proper care and medicine.
3. Blessed are those who do not play with or start fires, for they will not have to pay for the damages or ruin God's creation.
4. Blessed are those who do not use cell phones, video games, and other distracting devices, for they will not have to give their devices to the staff.

5. Blessed are those who do not possess and use tobacco, alcohol, or drugs (other than medications prescribed by a doctor), for their bodies will remain healthy.
6. Blessed are those who follow all the health and safety policies at Winter Vision for they will be protecting themselves and others at camp.
7. Blessed are those who do not enter into cabins of the opposite gender, for they will not be escorted out by security.
8. Blessed are those who refrain from inappropriate physical contact with others, for they are respecting others and their own bodies as God's temple.
9. Blessed are those who refrain from throwing rocks, sticks, balloons, or liquid in camp and do not touch or feed animals, for they will not be harmed or hurt others.
10. Blessed are those who do not possess knives, guns, or explosives, for they will not be a threat to themselves or others.
11. Blessed are those who turn in lost and found items to the Registrar, for they will be greatly rewarded.
12. Blessed are those who do not steal items that do not belong to them, for they will not incur the wrath of authority.
13. Blessed are those who keep cabins clean at all times, and keep the door closed when leaving, for they will not have bugs or critters in their rooms.
14. Blessed are those who stay within the boundaries of the campground for they will not have to be rescued because they are lost. Also—thou shalt not visit the creek unless a staff member is present.
15. Blessed are those who comply with these rules, for they will not be sent home early and/or will be asked not to return to camp next year.

Hygiene and cleaning

1. Hand washing
    a. Encourage hand washing before and after meals and bathroom use.
    b. Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
    c. Hand sanitizers placed throughout camp.
2. Cleaning surfaces
    a. After each session, hand out disinfectant wipes to cabin leaders to wipe down common areas of the cabin (handles, light switches, countertops, etc.) Staff will wipe down high touch areas of meeting areas after sessions.
    b. Disinfectant or alcohol wipes will be available at camp.

FAQs

1. What happens when a cabin leader becomes ill?
    a. If a cabin leader is suspected to have a contagious illness, they will be immediately quarantined. We will have other staff on standby that will take over leading the cabin.
2. If my student is sent home, will their registration costs be refunded?

    a. Unfortunately, we will not be able to refund the cost of registration.
3. What is the Winter Vision visitation policy?
    a. No visitors are allowed at camp. Winter Vision is a short retreat and we want students to maximize their time and experience at camp with their cabin, other students, and staff.
4. How do I contact my student?
    a. Parents/friends/family are encouraged to write letters to students. Students always enjoy snail mail. You can send mail to this address (keep in mind the timing; it will take a few days for it to arrive): 1605 Eureka Canyon Rd, Corralitos, CA 95076
    b. There is no cell phone reception at Koinonia. If parents wish to send a message to their student, they can have their student call them from the pay phone (requires quarters) or email registration@wintervision.org to pass on a message.