Frequently Asked Questions

What kind of modifications will be made to camps?
Following the Washington Department of Health guidelines we will be maintaining smaller stable group/pod sizes. We will be selecting activities based on the ability to maintain physical distancing and reducing touchpoints. We are also making modifications to our drop-off & pick-up schedules and increasing sanitation practices.

Will SPRD track any illness symptoms or outbreaks?
Absolutely. We will have a symptom checklist, including tracking for temperatures at drop off and, asking if the participant or immediate family members have exhibited known symptoms, such as:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Fever and/or chills
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

We will also be keeping logs for each group/pod to help identify anyone at-risk, should there be any illness associated with a camper or staff member.

If we suspect an illness or infection, we will immediately isolate the camper from the other participants and follow our standard procedure for sick campers, which includes having the parent/guardian check the child out of the activity and take them home if they are on-site. If the parent/guardian is not on-site, the staff member will attempt to contact the parent/guardian listed as an emergency contact information to pick up their child.

If campers or staff, or anyone in their household, has recently had an illness with a fever or a new cough, they should remain at home until:

- At least 10 days after illness onset; AND
- 72 hours after the fever is gone, without the use of fever-reducing medication; AND
- Symptoms are improving.
Campers or staff who have had direct exposure to COVID-19, will not be able to return until 14 days after the exposure, assuming they do not develop symptoms.

Will there be other changes to pick-up and drop-off?
Site-specific check-in and check-out procedure information will be provided in the parent handbook, which is sent to families before the start of camp. Our goal will be to prevent parents from interacting with each camp group/pod and to bring campers to you.

Will campers and staff be required to wear face masks?
All camp participants over the age of 5 and staff are required to wear masks unless they are participating in physical activity outdoors and are able to maintain 6 square feet of physical distance between themselves and other campers.

- Those with disabilities that prevent them from comfortably wearing or removing a face covering, or those who are deaf or hard of hearing that use facial mouth movements as part of communication may use face shields as an alternative to a cloth face covering.

Will SPRD staff be given additional training for camp this year?
This year at summer camps, staff will be assigned to the same group/pod of campers all week. Camp staff receives comprehensive training every summer. We will place an emphasis on all-new safety and program protocols before camp begins, including policies around face masks and increased handwashing procedures, social distancing expectations amongst campers, and new protocols based on DOH and Spokane Regional Health District recommendations.

Can you tell me more about increased disinfection procedures?
We are closely monitoring statewide, national and industry guidelines to keep our campers, families, and staff safe. Staff will be able to regularly wash their hands, high-touch areas will be regularly and routinely sanitized, and physical distancing will be emphasized. We have developed additional guidelines regarding daily health checks, physical distancing, handwashing, sanitizing items, adjusted activities, meals and snacks, and drop off and pick up, that are outlined in each camp specific question.

What about smoke or smog?
In the case of poor air quality, staff will modify activities, reducing high energy level activities, such as running, tag games, and extensive hiking. Staff will also encourage campers to take extra breaks, drink lots of water, and will, of course, be keeping a close eye on participants throughout the day. Unless we

When the AQI equals or exceed AQI value 150 which is in the lowest level of the “unhealthy” category, activities will be moved indoors or cancelled until improvement occurs.

What if a camp is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, like another statewide order closing summer camps?
Patrons will receive a refund if a camp is cancelled by SPRD due to compliance with a statewide closure order, or for some other reason, that camp is required to be cancelled.