

Dear Catalina Sea Camp Families,

Like most of you, we are keeping a close eye on the spread of the Coronavirus (Covid-19). While those at greatest risk from this disease appear to be the elderly and those with preexisting chronic illness, we are already planning ahead to provide the safest and healthiest environment for the campers who come to Catalina Sea Camp this summer. We have been monitoring recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control, American Camp Assn and the Assn of Camp Nursing, and will continue to review our healthcare protocols as the summer nears to ensure we are exercising best practices with regards to disease prevention.

Currently, the steps we take at Catalina Sea Camp to minimize the spread of illness include:

- It is important for each parent/guardian to screen each camper prior to attending camp. Keeping campers who are exhibiting fever, flu-like symptoms, coughing, shortness of breath or other respiratory symptoms at home until they are better. We will assimilate late arriving campers into the camp community with great care and enthusiasm.
- “Bleach downs” of all camp facilities are conducted on a regular basis. This involves disinfecting all door handles, sink and toilet handles, and other common area surfaces around camp.
- Campers and staff are taught and reminded to wash hands frequently with soap and water (while singing ABC’s or counting to 20), cough/sneeze into their elbow, refrain from touching their face with their hands, and not to share towels, pillows or water bottles.
- Kitchen surfaces and dining room tables are sanitized after each meal.
- Counselors are trained to identify potential signs of illness including fatigue, coughing, etc and to direct campers to the infirmary.
- Our RN and Health office manager (EMT) will track campers who exhibit potential illness and isolate campers with a fever of 100 degrees and above.
- Parents will be contacted if their camper has a temperature of 100 degrees or more and/or needs to stay overnight in the health office.

What can you do prior to camp?

Parents can support our efforts to keep campers healthy by:

- Helping your camper learn to cough/sneeze into their elbow and refrain from touching their face with their hands.
- Ensuring your camper arrives at camp in good health, are well rested, nourished and hydrated.
- Advising us if your camper has recently traveled overseas or been around others who are sick.

Please be assured that health and safety of campers and staff is our highest priority and we will continue to monitor the situation throughout the coming months. Thank you entrusting your campers to us.

Sincerely,

Paul Kupferman  
Summer Operations Director