Covid Safety Questions for Summer Activities

1. What is the ratio of staff to children?
2. How is social distancing managed by the provider?
3. What health and safety practices does the camp put in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 as much as possible?
4. What is the camp's refund policy?

In day camp, there must be one senior counselor for every six children under the age of 6; one for every nine for children between the ages of 6 and 7 and one for every 12 children that are 8 years old and above. The camp should also explain to children how supervision of the camp takes place.

Many camps use a stable group system, which has been recommended by the CDC. Stable groups are camper and staff cohorts which stay together and function independently from other groups. This limits exposure and potential risk of covid.

You may also want to consider how pick-up and drop-off are handled.

Summer camps should adhere to CDC guidelines, including mask-wearing, temperature, and health screenings as well as thorough cleaning and disinfecting practices.

As we experienced in 2020, the world can change rapidly! In 2020 many families were put in difficult situations when summer camps closed down and those programs weren't able to provide refunds for families. It's a good idea to know what would happened if the camp was forced to close because of a government mandate or if children/staff have to quarantine due to a potential or confirmed COVID-19 case.

What happens if a child or staff member tests positive for COVID-19?

Whether or not they have experience dealing with cases in their program, licensed childcare providers are required to have a Health and Safety plan in place if a camper or staff member tests positive for COVID-19.