



*At In-Person Gatherings, here are*  
**3 Practices We'll All Follow**

- 1.Space Out.** Maintain a 6-foot distance from others at all times.
- 2.Be “Hand Aware.”** Avoid touching shared surfaces or objects & wash your hands regularly.
- 3.Wear a Mask.** Bring a mask and wear it when you are moving within others’ 6-foot area.

*We’re doing these things because it’s one of the ways we watch out for our community. Although we each may have different expectations, we want everyone to both BE safe and also FEEL safe. Thanks for doing your part to care about each other.*

# Precautions for In-Person Gatherings

The following safety precautions are based on guidelines from the Minnesota Department of Health. As we carefully ease back on restrictions, we want to create an environment that both *is* safe and *feels* safe for everyone involved. We anticipate the cooperation and support of students, parents and leaders in this effort. (Note that this is a living document and will be updated as guidelines from the MN Department of Health change.)

## **Social Distancing & Group Size**

- We will maintain a 6-foot distance between people from different households. We will plan seating and other activities accordingly.
  - This means physical touch between people from different households during programming is not permitted.
- We will choose activities and interactions that do not include touching or coming within 6 feet of each other.
- We will limit group numbers to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors.
  - If more than that amount of people are at an event, we will create “pods” of 10 (indoor) or 25 (outdoor) people or fewer, which meet in distanced spaces from each other.
- We will hold programs outside when possible to allow for better spreading out.
- We will encourage the use of masks, especially when moving within others’ 6-foot bubble.
- We will avoid situations where we need to transport students.
  - If transportation is necessary, masks will be required inside the vehicle. Additionally, we will reduce transportation capacity to allow people to space out from each other within vehicles.
- We will cancel activities where social distancing is not possible.

## **Disinfecting & Hand-Washing**

- We will avoid programming that requires participants to share items or surfaces (e.g. sports equipment, serving utensils, tables, chairs, art supplies).
- Staff/volunteers will studiously disinfect shared items and surfaces before, during and after programming, including frequently cleaning bathroom areas.
- Hand-washing will be available and encouraged upon arrival and before eating or after coughing, sneezing or touching shared surfaces.
- Disinfectant spray / wipes and hand sanitizer will be available for participants to clean hands, items and surfaces during programming.
- We will meet outdoors when possible. If indoors, we will aim to keep the same participants in the same single space to minimize need for cleaning multiple spaces or cleaning between uses by different participants.
- We will avoid food service unless it is prepackaged and individually wrapped, in which case, we will have volunteers serve food in a sanitary manner. (For example, a leader with gloves or freshly washed hands will open a box and hand or toss prepackaged food items to students.)

## **Communication**

- We will communicate measures and plans to students and families to convey care and set good expectations. Strategies may change if the level of community transmission increases to the point where programming must be disrupted.
- We will communicate what actions should be taken if a child becomes symptomatic or has been exposed to COVID-19 (either at home or during programming). We will help contact everyone involved to aid in the tracing process.
- We will take attendance (or a picture of each group) to help document who is interacting with who (for tracing purposes should the need arise).