



Horizons 2021 Summer COVID-19 Safety Guidelines & Waiver

We are THRILLED to be offering an in-person Horizons Superhero Summer program this year. We have missed our scholars and are so excited to welcome them back. To keep everyone safe, we will need to take some extra precautions. Our program will look a bit different, but we are committed to making this summer AMAZING.

A few things that we can share with you at this time:

COVID-19 Screening

We ask that parents/guardians check their child each day for COVID-19 symptoms before boarding the bus or arriving on campus. A checklist is attached for families to use. Some symptoms to look for are coughing, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, and/or a temperature of 100.4 or above. If your child has any of these symptoms, we ask that you keep him/her home until your family doctor clears your child to attend Horizons. If anyone in your child's household, or someone your child has been in contact with, tests positive for COVID-19, we ask that you not send him/her to Horizons and follow CDC/ State of Maryland guidelines for isolation/quarantine. Currently, our guidelines are as follows for those that test positive for COVID-19 or are in close contact with a person who tests positive to COVID-19:

Persons who test positive can return to the Horizons program when the following criteria have been met:

- At least 24 hours have passed fever free without the use of fever-reducing medications AND
- Improvement in symptoms (i.e.; cough, shortness of breath) AND
- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared
- At least 10 days have passed after a positive test, even for a person showing no symptoms

Close contacts of a person who tests positive should self-quarantine for a period of 14 days from the last close contact with the infectious person.

- If the child develops no symptoms, they may return to the program.
- If the child develops symptoms, then they may return to the program when the following criteria have been met:

1. At least 24 hours have passed fever free without the use of fever-reducing medications
AND
2. Improvement in symptoms (i.e.; cough, shortness of breath) AND At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

If a child must miss participating in Horizons due to illness, please reach out and let us know. We will continue to offer support virtually to keep him/her connected with our program and engaged. The Horizons **attendance policy permits ill children to remain at home** without being penalized for missing time in our program.

Transportation

We are working hard to obtain permission from the Maryland Health Department to provide bus transportation to our program this summer. If approved, we will be able to transport 22-24 students per bus. All bus riders will be required to wear a mask covering their nose and mouth. If a student does not have a mask, he/she will be provided one. A staff member will complete a temperature check before each rider is seated on the bus. Every bus rider will be assigned a seat that they will utilize throughout the Horizons program. Bus windows will be open to provide extra ventilation.

Students transported by their families to the Horizons program must have a mask on when exiting their vehicle. Drivers must wait in their car while a staff member performs a temperature check at the welcome tent. Once the student is cleared, a staff member will signal that it is ok for the driver to leave.

Program

We will require students to:

- wear their mask covering their nose and mouth
- stay six-feet away from others whenever possible
- wash their hands and/or use hand sanitizer frequently throughout the day

Horizons will provide masks, hand sanitizer, sunscreen, and hand soap for students to use while participating in the Horizons program, if students do not have items of their own. Families should advise Horizons staff of any allergies or sensitivities to these types of items in advance of the program's start.

Classrooms will be arranged to meet social-distancing requirements. If a child needs to “take a break” from wearing a mask, arrangements will be made for short non-mask breaks. Parents/guardians should advise Horizons staff of any health conditions that would prevent their child from wearing a mask during our program. We reserve the right to unenroll participants from our program that cannot meet our social-distancing and mask guidelines.

Horizons is planning to have tents set up outside to be used as additional classroom space, recreational activities, and break areas. Indoor spaces will be cleaned daily by custodial staff. Horizons staff will also clean frequently throughout the day. Students will be discouraged from sharing items; however, if an item must be shared, it will be disinfected before the next time it is used. Meals will be eaten in either the classroom or outside, depending on the weather. No mask will be required during mealtime, but social distancing will be an expectation.

Illness

If a student should become ill with COVID-19-like symptoms while at Horizons, a staff member will call the parent/ guardian to pick up their child within one hour. The child will be separated from his/her class while waiting to be picked up.

Waiver

Horizons is working to provide a safe and fun program this summer. Due to the risks associated with COVID-19, we ask that you agree to the following waiver to participate in Horizons this year.

Horizons of Kent & Queen Anne's cannot guarantee that its staff and students will not be exposed to COVID-19 and/or a mutation or variation of COVID-19 despite the health and safety measures implemented by Horizons of Kent & Queen Anne's. By choosing to participate in the Horizons of Kent & Queen Anne's in-person program, there is a risk that your child may be exposed to COVID-19 and/ or another variation/ mutation of the COVID-19 virus.

I have reviewed the above guidelines and waiver. I agree to follow the guidelines as presented and understand the risks associated with COVID-19 and my child participating in an in-person program this summer. If my child is unable to follow these guidelines, I understand that he/she may not participate, or continue to participate, in the Horizons program this year.

_____ Name

_____ Signature

_____ Date

Student name(s) _____