



COVID-19 Safety Preparedness Plan for Vacation Bible Camp

This preparedness plan is for a one-day vacation Bible camp at Camp Fire MN Camp Bluewater property. We are also adopting and following Camp Fire Minnesota preparedness plan while at their property. This plan is following the recommendations from the Minnesota Department of Health on overnight camp, social distance, sports guide, food gather, youth programming and cleaning.

At First Lutheran Church we want to make sure that our congregation and community are safe and stays healthy. This plan is in place to protect each other from contracting the virus COVID-19. By following this plan and doing our part, we will be able to hold VBC. Thank you for complying with our guidelines.

If you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, headache, muscle pain, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell or have been in contact with anyone that has tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home.

Any at-risk persons are strongly urged to stay at home. At-risk per MN Executive Order 20-55 is anyone who is 65 and older, living in a nursing home or a long-term care facility, or any age with underlying medical conditions. People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma. People who have serious heart conditions. People who are immunocompromised (caused by cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, or prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications). People with severe obesity (body mass index (BMI) of 40 or higher). People with diabetes. People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis. People with liver disease.

Drop-off and Pick-up

Preregistration will be required for VBC. Parents will be asked to take their child's temperature at home before arriving. There will not be transportation provided by First Lutheran to Camp Bluewater. Please provide your own transportation to and from camp. Each child will be screened at check-in.

The volunteer or staff member will be masked up when signing in and screening the child. Hand sanitizer will be available at the check-in table. Parents will be asked to check the child's temperature at home. Screening questions are located at the end of this plan.

If a child does not pass the screening, everyone in that car will be asked to leave. They may still receive the bag with all the supplies in it for the day.

Vacation Bible Camp

The children will be placed in groups of 12 or less including the junior counselors. Each group will stay together and not intermingle with other groups for craft, snack, lunch, free-time, storytelling, bible challenge and any other activity throughout the day. The junior counselors will lead each activity with their group. They will maintain a minimum of six feet of distance when possible. There will be one shared space for music. When signing, the group will space out to twelve feet in between each person. The computer will be sanitized after each group uses it. One person will lead the music with one group at a time.

Each group will have their own equipment and will not be shared among other groups. For example if they want to play volleyball, each group will have their own volleyball at the start of the day. If we do

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not have enough for each group, we will have wipes on hand to wipe the ball down between groups. These activities will be decided before the start of the day.

Swimming/ Water Activities

No swimming will be allowed during Vacation Bible Camp as there will be no lifeguard on duty. If a pod goes fishing, the poles will be wiped down after the group leaves. Each group will be responsible to wipe the poles down.

Food

Snacks and lunch will be provided and served outside when feasible or from the kitchen window. Any kitchen staff or volunteers will wash their hands thoroughly, wear gloves and a mask when preparing and serving food. All food will be served by the kitchen staff or volunteers. Lunch for VBC will be eaten outside with their small group on the lawn. No more than three people will be allowed in the kitchen at any given time.

No more than four people at a table from not the same household.

VBC evening picnic will be served by following the guidelines above. All food will be store bought or prepared on site. No homemade food will be allowed to be served. The children will be allowed to either sit with their family or stay in their pod. They will not be able to intermix to another pod. Parents will be responsible to watch their children after checking them out and before the picnic.

Those attending the picnic will need to register to ensure we are able to distance families and have enough room. There will be a max of 100 people allowed on the property for the picnic only.

Building

Frequent hand washing will be in place along with hand sanitizer in various places.

We will limit one person in the restroom at a time. Proper cleaning will take place throughout the day in the areas of higher traffic.

Sick staff or camper

If an emergency 911 will be called. In the event that a camper or staff member develops any symptoms of illness consistent with COVID-19 or has at least two of the following symptoms: fever of 100.4°, chills, muscle ache, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell the person will be isolated with the nurse until family can come and pick them up. Masks will be available to help stop the spread of any communicable disease. The nurse will practice physical distancing when possible while waiting with the child. Cleaning and disinfecting high-touch surfaces, focusing on areas where the person is known to have been and items they have touched.

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