

Hello and Greetings from Black Rock Retreat,

First and foremost, we hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. We have received questions from parents about if and how COVID-19 will affect Black Rock Retreat again this summer. We know this pandemic has been stressful to many and recognize that socializing and interacting with peers can be a healthy way for children to cope with stress and connect with others, particularly after spending quite a bit of time at home. With careful thought and planning, we are excited to continue welcoming campers to BRR this summer while following CDC considerations to protect campers, families, and our community.

The health and safety of our campers and staff remain our highest priority. Below, you will find a summary of actions we are taking to help ensure we are lowering COVID-19 risk as much as possible. If you have any other questions after reading this document, please feel free to contact us at help@brr.org. These policies are subject to change as updates are made to the guidelines.

Before camp

- The CDC strongly encourages all eligible people to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Black Rock Retreat cannot require campers/family members to be vaccinated in order for the camper to attend.
- Beginning two weeks before bringing your camper to Black Rock Retreat, please begin monitoring for symptoms of COVID-19. Symptoms of COVID-19 can include fever of 100.4 degrees or greater, cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, fatigue, headache, muscle aches, nausea, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, or vomiting. Anyone exhibiting any of these symptoms will be asked to stay home.
- Consider travel plans that your camper or anyone in your household will be doing within 14 days of dropping off your camper. International travel or travel to areas with widespread COVID-19 infections may prohibit your camper from attending Black Rock Retreat. Please contact us with any specific questions about travel or refer to the CDC's recommendations [here](#).
- If your camper has contact with anyone with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 within 14 days before arriving at camp, your camper will be asked to stay home OR be able to provide a negative COVID-19 test taken within 48 of arriving at camp.

Registration

- In order to limit the number of people coming on-site during the check-in process, we will be assigning your family a timeslot for registration. We also ask that only one parent (or adult) accompanies the camper and that no siblings come along.
- We highly encourage parents to wear a mask if outside of their personal vehicle and refrain from entering the cabins. We will have counselors in each cabin to help campers set up their bunks and arrange their belongings.
- At the beginning of the check-in process, all campers will have temperature checks and any campers with a temperature over 100.4, or other obvious symptoms of COVID-19, will be asked to return home.

- Also, during the check-in process, we will be asking about travel in the last 14 days and if the camper has had contact with anyone with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19.

During Camp

- Campers will be required to wash hands frequently throughout the day including before and after meals and activities. Hand sanitizing stations will be available wherever there is not access to soap and water.
- Public indoor spaces have air scrubbers installed to assist in sanitization and air circulation.
- Groups containing two cabins will function as a “household cohort.”
 - Masks will not be required within the household cohort; all staff from outside the group will be required to wear masks while working with campers when physical distancing is not possible.
 - Household cohorts will maintain physical distancing while indoors from other groups, and when possible if in an outdoor setting.
 - Household cohorts will have some of their own sports equipment (like basketballs and gaga balls) that will not be shared with other groups.
- Cabins
 - Campers sleep head to toe on top/bottom bunks.
 - Bathrooms and other high touch areas will be disinfected daily.
 - Bathroom items may not be stored in the bathroom and should be kept in campers’ own belongings – see packing list for more information.
 - If a staff member needs to enter a cabin that is not their own, they will wear a mask.
 - Campers may not enter any cabins other than their own.
 - To promote ventilation, cabin windows will be open whenever possible; ceiling and floor fans will also be used to help circulate fresh air.
- Activities
 - Much like past summers, camp activities will be outdoors whenever possible.
 - While leading activities, program staff will wear masks when they are unable to maintain 6 feet of distance from the group.
 - All equipment and supplies that are shared between household cohorts will be disinfected between each group’s use; when feasible, each group will be supplied with their own equipment.

- Campers will not be required to wear masks during heavy cardiovascular activities, water-based activities, and outdoor activities where physical distancing is possible.
- Meals
 - Cabins will eat their meals together and will be physically distanced from other cabins during meals.
 - With advance notice, we can provide gluten-free, dairy free, and vegetarian meal options. All meals will be peanut and tree nut free. Please include any dietary restrictions in your camper's Health History Form.

Ongoing screening

- All campers and staff will have their resting temperature taken in the morning and evening and any changes in health (such as developing symptoms of COVID-19) will be recorded and acted upon as per our Communicable Disease Protocol.
- In the case of any temperature over 100.4 or other obvious symptoms of COVID-19, we will enact our Communicable Disease Protocol.
- Staff will be tested for COVID-19 prior to arriving for the summer, and may be tested throughout the summer, and/or if they develop symptoms.

When masks will be required for campers

- If camper begins exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19.
- If a household cohort is in a setting where physical distancing cannot be maintained from another household cohort.
- Black Rock Retreat will provide masks as needed for campers who do not already have one.

After camp

- Monitor your camper for fever and other COVID-19 symptoms. If symptoms develop, contact Black Rock Retreat (help@brr.org) as soon as possible.
- The CDC highly recommends that campers get tested for COVID-19 3-5 days after returning home and stay home/avoid contact with high-risk individuals for 7 days.

Other policies

- The goal of the household cohort is to limit contact with anyone outside the group. Please ensure that all doctor's appointments and other commitments are not scheduled during your camper's week since no campers will be allowed to return to camp if they leave for any reason while camp is in session.
- The summer staff at Black Rock Retreat is committed to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to the health of your camper.