



*As a disclaimer, any and all of the following information is subject to change at any point throughout the Summer at Emerson 2021 season. If any changes are made, all Summer at Emerson families will be notified well in advance.*

Hello Summer at Emerson families,

As previously mentioned in our Summer at Emerson 2021 Camp Guide, we plan to implement several regulations this year which will help reduce possible risk of COVID-19 exposure and transmission in our community. This letter will provide you with important information regarding the following protocols we will be enforcing:

- Masks will be required at **ALL** times, inside and outside, except when eating or drinking.
- All campers must be tested for COVID-19 **every week PRIOR** to attending camp.
- Our before camp and after camp child care will take place outside on the Emerson playground.
- Our sign-in/sign-out process will take place outside on the front lawn of Emerson School.
- Parents and caregivers will **NOT** be permitted to enter the building.

While we are implementing these policies to maximize the safety of the Summer at Emerson community, we understand that these regulations may not fit the needs and desires of all families. **We have extended our 100% refund date to Friday, May 14.** Those who withdraw *after* May 14 will be responsible for all camp fees and refunds will not be processed.

## **MASKS**

Facial coverings will be required at all times for all those who are on campus, inside or outside, except when eating or drinking. Masks should cover the nose and mouth and be secured under the chin. Summer at Emerson staff will seek to maintain continuous physical separation of children by six feet (or more), whether indoors or outdoors.

## **COVID-19 TESTING**

Each camper is required to get tested for COVID-19 through Summer at Emerson via RapidBio *OR* with an outside testing facility before coming to camp each and every week they are registered for. If families choose to get tested through Summer at Emerson, it can be done by way of our weekly drive-thru testing dates (see below) or via on-campus testing if a camper is already in the building for another camp. These tests are \$35 per camper which will be billed to your UltraCamp account on a weekly basis. There will be no sibling discounts.

The type of test Summer at Emerson offers via RapidBio is anterior nasal, which involves swabbing the inside of both nostrils. It is less invasive and more comfortable than other types of tests, such as those that require full insertion of a swab (e.g. nasopharyngeal). Test results are available within 24 to 48 hours. Once test results are available, we will call families regarding any positive results and send out a community-wide email with further information and instructions. If there are no positive test results, we will also send out a community-wide email noting this information.

Outside tests which we will accept are PCR or antigen tests. Outside tests must be taken within 96 hours of arrival at camp, and results must be sent to the Summer at Emerson Medical Assistant, Samantha Ragay-Litchard, at [sragay-litchard@emerson-school.org](mailto:sragay-litchard@emerson-school.org). Weekly testing reminders will be sent out to families from the Summer at Emerson Directors or Summer at Emerson Medical Assistant.

**\*\*Campers who fail to get tested the week prior to their scheduled camp dates through Emerson or an outside testing facility will NOT be permitted to participate in their scheduled week. Camp refunds will NOT be given in this scenario.**

For drive-thru testing, families will drive into the Emerson School parking lot as they would for drop-off and pick-up, pull up to the designated location, and Samantha will give you your testing kit. All families will remain in their car the entire time. We ask parents and caregivers of younger children (Grades Y5-3) to complete nasal swabbing for their children, under the supervision of our staff. Testing protocols will be provided in a separate communication to ensure that this is done properly. Students in Grades 4-8 may do their own nasal swabbing, again with supervision of staff. Should any family wish to have an Emerson staff member complete collection for them, they may request Samantha to do so.

On-campus testing will only be given to campers who are already in the building and attending camp on a testing day. This will be for campers who will be attending multiple weeks of camp. For on-campus tests, our Medical Assistant will go around to each camp and assist with each camper's test.

For all campers who choose to get tested through Emerson School, please take note of the following testing dates:

**Testing for Week 1 Campers:**

Thursday, June 24 (drive-thru only)

*\*No Friday testing*

**Testing for Week 2 Campers:**

Thursday, July 1 (on-campus AND drive-thru)

*\*No Friday testing*

**Testing for Week 3 Campers:**

Thursday, July 8 (on-campus)

Friday, July 9 (drive-thru)

**Testing for Week 4 Campers**

Thursday, July 15 (on-campus)

Friday, July 16 (drive-thru)

**Testing for Week 5 Campers:**

Thursday, July 22 (on-campus)

Friday, July 23 (drive-thru)

**Testing for Week 6 Campers:**

Thursday, July 29 (on-campus)

Friday, July 30 (drive-thru)

**Testing for Week 7 Campers:**

Thursday, August 5 (on-campus)

Friday, August 6 (drive-thru)

## **OUTDOOR BEFORE CAMP AND AFTER CAMP CHILD CARE**

**\*\*CHANGE: AFTER CAMP CHILD CARE WILL BE GOING UNTIL 5:00PM\*\***

Child care is available before and after camp on a drop-in basis. Before camp child care runs from 8:00am-9:00am for \$9/day. After camp child care runs from 4:00pm-5:00pm for \$9/hr. This year, these programs will take place outside on the Emerson playground within their camp cohorts. Please make sure your child comes prepared with a jacket, rain boots, sunscreen, and anything they would need to be comfortable outdoors.

### ***Why was this decision made?***

We are doing our best to keep our campers within their camp cohorts throughout the majority of the camp day. Because we will have a mix of grades and cohorts during these unstructured childcare hours, we feel the safest option for the Summer at Emerson community is to hold these programs outside. With the change of being outdoors for before camp and after camp child care, we will be ending our program at 5:00pm instead of 6:00pm.

### ***What about inclement weather?***

We have rain structures with tables and chairs on the Emerson grounds for light rain and drizzles. For severe weather (thunder, lightning, hail), we will be indoors.

## **OUTDOOR DROP-OFF/PICK-UP**

On each morning of camp, Summer at Emerson Directors and staff members will be positioned outside on the front lawn at various tables to sign in campers. Parents and caregivers have two options for camper drop-off: you may walk with them to one of our sign-in tables outside on the front lawn of Emerson School *OR* simply drop them off at curbside and have them walk up to the tables on their own. Once campers are signed in, they will receive their name tag. If a camper is dropped off prior to 8:50am, they will be directed to the Emerson playground to meet with their camp cohort and counselor(s) for before camp morning child care. If a camper is dropped off after 8:50am, they will be directed straight to their camp's designated location.

During each afternoon of camp, campers will be positioned on the front lawn of Emerson School with their camp cohort and counselor(s) at pick-up time. The Summer at Emerson Directors will be standing along the curbside where parents and caregivers will pull up to the designated location(s) and state which camper they are picking up while staying inside their vehicle at all times. Camp counselors will then send the child to your vehicle and you may exit the parking lot.

***Parents and caregivers will NOT be permitted to enter the building at any time throughout the summer.***

If you should have any questions regarding any of these regulations and protocols, please contact the Summer at Emerson Director, Carly Meloche, at **(734) 660-5108** or by email at [summer@emerson-school.org](mailto:summer@emerson-school.org).

Sincerely,

Summer at Emerson 2021