

Welcome to our Summer Services Art/Dance Programs

At the City of New Westminster, the safety of our camp participants (children and their families and leaders) is always our first priority. We understand that many parents may have general concerns regarding the current COVID-19 respiratory illness and potential implications for our summer programs.

The City of New Westminster is actively monitoring and following the guidance of the BC Office of the Provincial Health Officer and the BC Centre of Disease Control - (COVID-19), the BC Public Health Guidance for Schools and Childcare Programs and the British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association - Guidance and Consideration for Children's Day Camps during COVID-19 Pandemic.

Based on the above guidance, we have made plans for a heightened level of health and safety at our summer camps. These include:

- Smaller camp size, maximum six participants to one instructor
- Routine daily screening for all staff and participants
 - In order to participate in the summer camp, you will need to agree to COVID-19 policies, risk consent and screening needs during the sales process and when participating
 - As part of the registration process and daily checks, you will be asked:
 1. Do you have any of the following symptoms: fever, chills, shortness of breath, sore throat, stuffy or runny nose, loss of smell, headache, muscle aches, fatigue or loss of appetite?
 2. Are you or anyone you are living with either sick or quarantined?
 - Any person answering yes (on behalf of themselves or a dependent) will not be able to participate and will be required to stay at home.
- A parent or guardian must accompany their children (regardless of age), at daily check-in to complete health screening.
- Designated sign-in (behind the Bandshell) and sign-out (left side of Bandshell) area for parents. Note sign in time will take a few minutes, please arrive 10 - 15 minutes early.
- Routine and frequent environmental cleaning
- All program leaders have current First Aid/CPR C certificates and will be following WCB COVID-19 staff training and first aid protocols.
- Explicit policy for children or staff who have the symptoms of a cold, flu, or COVID-19 with coughing or sneezing not coming into programs.
 - If any person is exhibiting signs of illness, they will be required to leave any Parks and Recreation service or space. In either case, a refund (as applicable) will be granted.
 - If a child becomes sick at camp, they will be isolated for everyone's safety and parents will be immediately notified.
- Promote good hygiene and respiratory etiquette
 - Hand washing will happen continuously throughout the day
- Maintain cleaning and disinfecting policies
- Physical distancing (activities will all have the central idea of being socially distant)
- Each child will be given their own craft "kit" zip lock bag containing scissors, glue stick, crayons, and felts along with other items to reduce cross contamination
- They will have their own designated area to put their belongings and when they need to go to their bag it will be done in an orderly fashion.
- There will be No food sharing
- Use of a washroom and sink in the Queen's Park Bandshell is for participants and staff only

To help your child prepare for camp this summer remind them that while they will be enjoying many of the same kinds of activities as usual, things will be a little bit different. Hand washing breaks will happen more often throughout the program and any games played will be non-contact.

With an outdoor focus, it's especially important that kids have clothing for all kinds of weather including a hat, sunscreen (that child can apply themselves) and water (refillable bottle preferred). Participants should bring a healthy "nut-free" snack each day. Camps may be modified or cancelled in smoky conditions, or weather extreme restrictions. We will actively monitor our camps throughout the summer and may modify procedures as necessary.

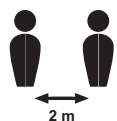
Information on the COVID 19: Public Health Guidance for Childcare Settings can be viewed here:

www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19_child_care_guidance_-_2020_may_15_-final.pdf

Information on British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association - Guidance and Consideration for Children's Day Camps during COVID-19 Pandemic can be viewed here:

bcrpa.bc.ca/media/244229/summer-camps-covid-19-guidelines-considerations.pdf

Common COVID-19 measures to reduce the potential of contracting or spreading this virus include:



Maintain appropriate social distancing (2 m)



Practice respiratory etiquette (cough or sneeze into sleeve)



Wash hands for at least 20 seconds



No large gatherings or organized sports/games



Stay home if you are sick



Park equipment is not sanitized

We look forward to an exciting "New Normal" summer and would like to reassure you that the health and safety of all is our top priority.

If you have any questions/concerns or if your child requires additional support please contact Ramona Manzer, Program Coordinator at 604.777.5120 or rmanzer@newwestcity.ca