

Addendum to Froggie Frontier's 2020 Summer Parent Handbook & COVID-19 Information

Please note the following addendum to the 2020 Summer Parent Handbook as it relates to new policies and procedures in response to Covid-19. These new protocols follow guidelines established by our regulatory agency (Community Care Licensing), the public health department, and the CDC, and is designed to minimize the number of people entering our facility and to maintain best practices for the health and safety of our staff members and the children in our care.

Please take your entire household's temperature and check for signs of respiratory illness prior to leaving for camp each day. Do not bring your child to camp if you, your child, or anyone in your household has signs of a respiratory illness (ie cough, fever of 100.4 or higher, shortness of breath or sore throat, is on active quarantine or has had contact within the last 14 days with someone with a known or suspected case of Covid-19).

If your child is a returning Froggie Frontier student or camper, please prepare them for these new routines by letting them know what to expect. Big changes like these, even in a previously familiar environment, can cause some anxiety. It's always best to let children know what to expect and to set the right mood by being as positive as possible.

Drop-Off & Daily Health Check:

1. Drop off will take place outside near the playground entrance.
2. Please maintain a distance of 6 feet from other participants while waiting in line for drop-off. The line will be clearly marked and will start at the walkway between the side of the building and the gravel parking lot. Please wait in line until called.
3. Staff will perform a daily health check and will ask you a series of questions. They will also verify that you can be reached during camp hours at the phone numbers listed on your child's camp forms. If you need to provide an alternate number or authorized contact to use for the day, you can let a staff member know at this time.
4. If we can procure an infrared thermometer, you and your child's temperature will be taken. (Daily temperature checks without an infrared thermometer are NOT recommended by the above agencies.)
5. ONE parent shall sign the child in with the designated staff person using your electronic code. If you don't have a code and need to sign in manually, a staff member will assist you with this. (Please bring your own pen if at all possible, so we have less to sanitize.)
6. Children will first wash their hands at the outdoor sink and then may play on the playground. (They will all wash their hands again upon coming into the classroom as well as frequently throughout the day).
7. If your child is staying for the lunch bunch program, a staff member will take his/her lunch from you. Lunches need to be packed in a disposable brown paper bag or ziplock bag and all food and utensils need to be packed in single use disposable wrappings. At this time, we are not allowing lunch boxes, bento boxes, tupperware or plastic reusable water bottles. We will have plenty of water on hand using disposable cups.
8. If your child is having a particularly difficult time being dropped off, you may escort them inside the playground and help them wash their hands. (Please wash yours as well.) If you need to stay with them for a few minutes, please try to maintain social distancing from the other children and please wear a mask.

Pick Up:

1. Pick up will take place outside at the same location as drop off.
2. ONE parent shall sign the child out with the designated staff person in the same manner as at drop off.
3. A staff member will collect your child from inside the classroom.

Other Changes:

- Please leave backpacks and all toys at home. Bring a change of clothes in case of an accident or spill in a ziplock bag clearly labeled with your child's name. These will be stored in your child's cubby throughout the duration of your child's time at camp.
- We are required to encourage social distancing while in the classroom (although our regulatory agency understands how difficult this can be with young children!) We will have visual aids (furniture placement, string, tape, etc.) to designate individual play areas and will also be spacing the children further apart during circle time, at snack and meal times, and when doing table activities.
- Children will be taught to bring toys to a sanitization area when they are finished playing with them, so we can clean them in between use. Children will be provided with their own bag of supplies (pencil, crayons, glue stick, etc.) to use throughout their camp session.
- The illness policy as outlined in the 2020 Summer Parent Handbook states that a child must be fever and symptom free for 24 hours (without the use of fever reducing medications) before returning to camp. Based on new guidelines from the public health department, this has now been changed to 72 hours AND requires 2 weeks of quarantine, unless there has been a negative Covid-19 test and there is written clearance by a physician that the child can return to camp. Refunds **will** be issued in this scenario.
- **What about masks?** This is a question that we specifically asked while on a question and answer session with the public health department. While they could tell us that it is not recommended for children under the age of 2, it was also stated that because wearing a mask is not a current requirement in El Dorado County, that they couldn't recommend it. (The CDC is currently recommending face coverings while in public) It really depends on the child and how effective they are in following proper protocols for mask use. In talking with centers who have stayed open during this time, most observed that the majority of young children are not able to do so for long periods of time. You are welcome to have your child wear a mask, but we will not require face coverings for our students. Please do prepare your child for the fact that the teachers and other children might be wearing them. We encourage adults to wear masks when dropping off and picking up campers as there will be times you will have to be closer than 6 feet to a staff member during sign in and temperature checks.

We will continue to follow all health and safety guidelines and recommendations made to childcare centers from the above mentioned agencies that have been put out in response to Covid-19. These include but are not limited to:

1. Frequent handwashing (upon arrival, before snack and meal times, after outside play, if a child sneezes or coughs, and of course, after using the toilet.)
2. Frequent and regular sanitizing of surfaces throughout the day:
 - Froggie Frontier uses cleaning supplies that are on the EPA list of registered disinfectants that are recommended for use against the coronavirus (specific cleaners we use include Clorax Commercial Solutions Hydrogen Peroxide Cleaner, Lysol Brand Power Plus Hydrogen Peroxide Toilet Bowl Cleaner, and Lysol Brand Professional Disinfectant Spray.)
 - We also do a thorough cleaning using the above cleaners at the end of each camp day
3. Using respiratory etiquette including covering cough or sneeze with a tissue or sleeve and having adequate supplies within easy reach including no-touch trash cans. You can help us with this by reminding children to cough or sneeze into their elbows and then to wash their hands.
4. We have also decided to remove dress up clothes, playdough and other items that are not as easy to sanitize and/or to provide children with individual supplies for their use only.

I have read the above 2 page addendum to the 2020 Summer Parent Handbook and Covid-19 information and agree to abide by the center's drop off and pick up procedures and other protocols as outlined. I agree to immediately notify Froggie Frontier if my child, myself or anyone in my household has a covid-19 infection or any other contagious illness as outlined in the 2020 Summer Parent Handbook. I understand that Froggie Frontier will follow its confidentiality policy but also understand that Froggie Frontier is required to notify local health officials if anyone who has visited the center has a covid-19 infection.

Parent/Legal Guardian's Printed Name

Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature

Date