Considerations and Checklist for Youth Programs and Camps COVID-19 Protocol

In planning for summer 2021, our ECU COVID-19 response team has developed a checklist of considerations to review when planning for Summer 2021 programs and camps.

- The most recent update for the “Return of Pirate Nation” document has included gathering restrictions of 25 indoors/50 outdoors. Specific spaces that are not designated as a classroom (Ballrooms, Sports Courts) have been assigned percentages from the Central Reservations Office.

- Transit operations are still at 50% capacity at this time, which would also apply to van or boat usage for various trips.

- Housing—On-campus Housing is no longer available for summer 2021.

- Housing—Off-campus housing is expected to follow protocols at current host camp that are based on ACA or other association guidelines. Please review some of the recommendations at the end of this document for examples of housing safety measures.

- Liability statements should be included in the camp waiver with language that acknowledges the assumed risk of attending a camp in the current environment. Office of University Counsel can review documents as needed to provide recommendations. The CDC Guidelines for Summer Camps also includes an example of a letter that can be edited to send to parents and families, sharing steps taken to address any concerns of safety or health concerns.

- Each camp should identify the process for daily screening, may include and are not limited to temperature checks or questionnaires, ensuring that camp attendees meet appropriate guidelines.

- Camps should also identify a designated health and safety officer or medical provider for the duration of the camps, as well as a specific COVID-19 Contact person who is able to answer questions about the COVID-19 protocol. For on-campus programming in Pitt County, this may include ECU contacts like Dr. Barry at ECU Prospective Health or Dr. Wright at ECU Student Health Services. For off-campus, this may include the local county health department.

- Camps should utilize a pod/cohort structure to minimize mixing of larger groups and potential exposure. Pods should be kept consistent throughout the duration of the camp to assist with contact tracing. Face coverings should be utilized in situations where attendees are unable to consistently social distance.

- Camps should consider the appropriateness of creating a testing and vaccination protocol. While testing and vaccinations cannot be mandated, it can be highly encouraged for staff members. Each camp should also have an identified process for quarantining someone if they become symptomatic, with considerations for contact tracing, removing the participant or employee from the larger group while still appropriately monitoring participants, and coordinating pick up by the family. Camps should disclose this procedure in registration, along with an established process for returning to the program or applicable refunds when not eligible to return.
• Each camp should address policies regarding closings, particularly based on staff availability and working with ECU Prospective Health/local health departments.

• For third-party groups that are utilizing ECU facilities for youth camps but are not “ECU Affiliated,” the Youth Programs and Camp Advisory Board Subcommittee for COVID protocol reviews would like to request an opportunity to review any COVID protocols at least 14 days before the start of the program. If they are found not to be following protocol, we will use the “reservation point of contact” and can escalate from there as needed.

• Staff should consider disinfection and cleaning practices appropriate for shared equipment. Cleaning supplies will be paid for at the expense of the program. For best practices, please see section 6 of the American Camp Association Field Guide titled, “Cleaning and Disinfection” linked below

• Finally, we highly recommend using already-existing guidelines from CDC, ACA, and NCDHHS, particularly:
  o https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/media/28/download
  o Section 6.0 Cleaning and Disinfection (EH&E 24206).pdf | Powered by Box
  o https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/media/220/open (Page 21 for Daily Health Screening)

Camps should submit their COVID protocols to Dana Mattern to be passed on to the committee for review and recommendations.