

Advisory to Parents/Guardians Regarding H1N1 Influenza "Swine flu"

H1N1 influenza "swine flu" continues to pass from person-to-person. It has been identified in many towns and communities throughout Connecticut. New cases will continue to be identified throughout the summer months. To maintain the health and safety of our campers we will be implementing the following guidelines recommended by our local health department and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

1. Campers who are ill should not attend camp

We ask that parents answer these questions each day before sending your child to camp.

1. Does your child have a fever? (100 degrees F or higher)
2. Does your child have a sore throat, cough, body aches, vomiting, or diarrhea?

If you answer "yes" to both questions above, your child might have the flu. Keep your child home from camp for 7 calendar days, or until the symptoms are gone for 24 hours, whichever is longer.

If you answer "yes" to only one of the questions above, keep your child at home from camp until the symptoms are gone for 24 hours.

2. If your child develops fever while at camp you will be notified and your child will need to be picked up from camp. They cannot return to camp until they have been symptom free for 24 hours.

If your child has fever and additional symptoms (cough, sore throat, body aches, vomiting, or diarrhea in addition to the fever, they cannot return to camp for 7 days or until they have been symptom free for 24 hours, whichever is longer.

Throughout our camp sessions we will continue to follow the recommendations for disease prevention including good hand washing, cleaning and sanitizing common areas, and early identification and dismissal of individuals who may have influenza like illness.

The above guidelines will be utilized to evaluate the health of our counselors and camp staff as well.