

Christian Church (DOC) Michigan Region – Crystal Conference Center 2021 COVID-19 Procedures

The Crystal Commission, working with Rev. Eugene James, Regional Minister, has oversight for the Region's summer camp program at Crystal Conference Center. The Region will use a layered approach to creating a safe space for summer camp. As we continue to live through the COVID-19 pandemic, the Crystal Commission will review these procedures that will enable the Region to offer summer camp. All participants, volunteer adults and campers, that attend a camp experience this summer will covenant to follow these procedures.

The Crystal Commission will work with the site staff of Crystal Conference Center and United Camps Conferences and Retreats to ensure that the camp management understands the Region's procedures, coordinates with the volunteer staff who run the camp programs, and abides by the regulations set by The State of Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs in health, safety, and COVID-19 protocols.

We anticipate that, as the science changes and the pandemic is under more control, revisions will be made to these procedures. If that happens, information will be sent to congregations, clergy, and those registered for summer camp at Crystal. Thank you for your patience and prayers.

I) Pre-Camp: Health Awareness for Volunteer Staff

- 10 days before camp, site staff and volunteer staff must begin to daily take their temperature and monitor health for COVID-19 symptoms through a health log which will be provided for them. They must record their temperature and check mark if they have had any of these symptoms: fever, sore throat, respiratory issues, vomiting, and diarrhea. They must also share if they or their family have been out of the country in the last month.
- It is the strong preference of the Crystal Commission and the Christian Church Michigan Region, that, if possible and available to them, the site staff and volunteer staff should be vaccinated prior to camp. The camp nurse /medical officer should also be vaccinated prior to camp.
- Masks are required for all staff. Gaiters are not considered masks and cannot be used. Masks containing ventilation devices or valves are also not allowed. Bring at least 10 masks for the week and KN95 masks are preferred.

II) Pre-Camp: Health Awareness for Campers:

- 10 days before camp, campers must begin to daily take their temperature and monitor health for COVID-19 symptoms through a health log. They must record their temperature and check mark if they have had any of these symptoms: fever, sore throat, respiratory issues, vomiting, and diarrhea. They must also share if they or their family have been out of the country in the last month.

- Masks are required for all campers. Gaiters are not considered masks and cannot be used. Masks containing ventilation devices or valves are also not allowed. Bring at least 10 masks for the week.
- A supplemental packing list will be emailed to all registered campers for items to bring to their camp and items to leave at home.

III) First Day of Camp Check-In

- Parents/Guardians or congregation representatives will not be able to tour the camp when dropping off their camper(s).
- Campers will arrive at a designated time assigned to them. Parent/Guardians and campers will remain in their vehicle until the check-in staff comes to their car to check them in.
- The camp medical officer/nurse will meet individually with each camper at their vehicle to go over their medical form, to check in their medications, to answer any questions the camper or their parents/guardian may have, and hear any concerns. All campers will also have their temperature taken, and will have a COVID-19 health screening at this time.
- When a camper checks in at camp, his/her family will not be allowed to the cabins or other areas of the site. Once a camper completes the check in process, they say good-bye at the car and will go to their cabin and remain with their small group and counselors either in their cabin or another designated area.

IV) During Camp:

- Monitoring – We will have a daily temperature checks and health screening every morning and evening as a part of ongoing monitoring of the health and safety of the campers, counselors, staff, and volunteers.
- All activities, including play, prayer, worship, study, and service will include mask wearing, distancing, and frequent hand washing.
- Masks are required at all times indoors, unless you are showing or brushing your teeth. There will be mask breaks outdoors.
- Large group activities, (worship, keynote, games, meals) will be structured so that small groups stay together and distanced from other small groups.
- If a camper or counselor shows symptoms of COVID-19 during camp, that individual will be isolated from their small group, with proper supervision, while awaiting a parent/guardian to arrive to take the camper home. It matters not if that is day 1, hour 1 or day 4, hour 18. For the well-being of their small group and the entire camp, campers or counselors with symptoms of COVID-19 will be required to leave the property. The camp medical officer/nurse will work with the family, dean, and site manager to determine next steps.
- Campers or Counselors with medical conditions that could present as COVID-19 will be first monitored, and then in consultation with medical staff, the camp dean will determine if that camper should leave camp.
- Camp bathrooms and shared spaces (i.e. Dining Hall) will be cleaned and disinfected daily There will be signs encouraging safe practices posted around camp (i.e. handwashing, not leaving toiletries on counter tops, etc.)

- There will be adjustments to the facilities to allow for social distancing and open air spaces. The Dining Hall and Fellowship Hall will have all the doors opened and fans circulating air through the building.
- As far as possible, campers will be asked to sleep alternatingly in upper and lower bunks, providing as much social distancing as possible.
- Contact During the Week – Parents/Guardians will be required to give a phone number that is the best way to reach them at in the event of an emergency. As we will be on high alert regarding possible COVID risks, we ask that parents/guardians are especially attentive to calls from Camp so that we may be able to address any possible issues as rapidly as possible.
- Small Group Life - While this impacts some camp programs more than others, we will be having cabin groups stay together for most of the week. This would include meal-times and study groups.
- We are asking that siblings who identify as the same gender be put in the same cabin, and that as much as possible, cabin groups will be occupied by those who traveled to Camp together (i.e. if your church drove up together, all of the people who identify as the same gender would be asked to stay in the same cabin).
- Mealtimes – The tables will be distanced from one another, but will have the whole cabin sit together for all meals. Cleaning will be carried out by camp staff after every meal. The Crystal Commission and site staff are continuously working on the safest food service procedures and will follow state and CDC guidelines for food service.
- Singing can be a large part of the camp experience. The camp dean will determine the times and places for singing. Masks (as always) will be required during singing.

V) Last Day / Pick Up at Camp

- Unfortunately, parents/guardians will not be able to attend closing worship or closing ceremonies at the camp sessions which have traditionally had these events.
- When parent/guardian or congregational transportation arrives to pick up campers, they will be directed to a designated area and asked to remain in their vehicles.
- When confirmed that transportation is on site, camper(s) will be released from their small group to their parent/guardian or congregational transportation.
- Sign out procedures would happen at the parent, guardian's car.

VI) Post Camp Notification

- If a camper/counselor is sent home with COVID-19 symptoms they agree to get a COVID-19 test and report results to the camp dean.
- Parents will receive an email and/or text reminder that if your camper shows COVID-19 symptoms in the next week, please contact the camp dean.
- If a camper receives a positive COVID-19 test within a week of leaving camp, the camper's parent/guardian must contact the camp dean.
- If a counselor or dean receives a positive COVID-19 test within a week of leaving camp, they must report to the camp dean and Region
- Contact tracing will begin if it is deemed to do so by the Health Department, the Christian Church Michigan Region, or United Camps, Conferences, and Retreats.

VII. Isolation Protocols and Procedures for Testing

- If an individual meets the requirements for isolation, they will be accompanied immediately by a nurse to an isolation area. Their parent/guardian will be asked to pick them up, and the rest of the cabin will enter into isolation within their cabin as the dean determines next steps.
- If this is the case, our campers, counselors, and site staff will be monitored regularly to ensure that they are not showing symptoms. All of the camp will be cleaned thoroughly several times.
- We will also contact the parents/guardians of those who are planning to attend in the coming weeks to let them know if there has been a positive case of COVID-19 at any camp session. Of course, if they do not feel comfortable sending their child to camp, we will offer a full refund for their registration.
- If there are multiple positive cases of COVID-19 from across the camp, Crystal Conference Center will be shut down for future weeks, the Health Department and the Center for Disease Control will be notified.

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Crystal Conference Center Participant COVID-19 Waiver, Release, Indemnification of all Claims & Covenant Not To Sue

Family name: _____
(for Family Camp and Day Camp overnight participants)

Minor Camper name: _____
(for elementary, middle and high school, and day camp participants not accompanied by a parent or grandparent)

NOTICE: THIS IS A LEGALLY BINDING AGREEMENT. Read this document carefully and in entirety. By signing this agreement, you give up your right and/or any named minor’s right to bring a court action to recover compensation or obtain any other remedy for any personal injury or property damage however caused arising out of your participation and/or the named minor’s participation in the camping program of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Michigan Region at Crystal Conference Center.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK

I, in my legal capacity as the parent/guardian of the minor named above, and/or as a participant myself, do hereby acknowledge and agree that participation in any activities comes with inherent risks. I have full knowledge and understanding of the inherent risks associated with any activity or program participation, including but in no way limited to: (1) slips, trips, and falls, (2) aquatic injuries, (3) athletic injuries, and (4) illness, including exposure to and infection with viruses or bacteria. I further acknowledge that the preceding list is not inclusive of all possible risks associated with any activity or program participation and that said list in no way limits the operation of this Agreement.

CORONAVIRUS / COVID-19 WARNING & DISCLAIMER

Coronavirus, COVID-19 is an extremely contagious virus that spreads easily through person-to-person contact. Federal and state authorities recommend social distancing, mask wearing, and hand washing as a means to prevent the spread of the virus. COVID-19 can lead to severe illness, personal injury, permanent disability, and death. Participating in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Michigan Region at Crystal Conference Center programs or accessing facilities that host our programming could increase the risk of contracting COVID-19. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Michigan Region at Crystal Conference Center in no way warrants that COVID-19 infection will not occur through participation in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Michigan Region at Crystal Conference Center camping programs and the facilities that host our programming.

WAIVER, RELEASE, INDEMNIFICATION & COVENANT NOT TO SUE

In consideration of your participation and/or the named minor’s participation in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Michigan Region at Crystal Conference Center activities and programs, I am the parent/guardian of the minor named above, agree to release and on behalf of myself and/or the minor named above, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, and assigns, HEREBY DO RELEASE the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Michigan Region at Crystal Conference Center, its officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents, representatives

and insurers (“Releasees”) from any causes of action, claims, or demands of any nature whatsoever including, but in no way limited to, claims of negligence, which I, the named minor, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators and assigns may have, now or in the future, against the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Michigan Region at Crystal Conference Center on account of personal injury, property damage, death or accident of any kind, arising out of or in any way related to the use of facilities/equipment or participation in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Michigan Region at Crystal Conference Center programs whether that participation is supervised or unsupervised, however the injury or damage occurs, including, but not limited to the negligence of Releasees.

In consideration of the my participation and/or the named minor’s participation in activities and programs, I, the undersigned parent/guardian of the named minor, agree to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS Releasees from any and all causes of action, claims, demands, losses, or costs of any nature whatsoever arising out of or in any way related to my program participation and/or the named minor’s activity and program participation.

I hereby certify on behalf of myself and/or the named minor that I have full knowledge of the nature and extent of the risks inherent in any activity and program participation and that I, and/or on behalf of myself and the named minor, am voluntarily assuming said risks. I understand that I and/or the named minor will be solely responsible for any loss or damage, including personal injury, property damage, or death, that I and/or the named minor sustains while participating in any activities and programs and that by signing this agreement I, on behalf of myself and/or the named minor, HEREBY RELEASE Releasees of all liability for such loss, damage, or death. I further certify that I and/or the named minor is in good health and has no conditions or impairments which would preclude my/his/her safe participation in any activities and programs.

I further certify I am therefore of lawful age (18 years or older) and otherwise legally competent to sign this agreement, and that I have legal capacity to act as the parent/guardian of the named minor. I further understand that the terms of this agreement are legally binding and certify that I am signing this agreement, after having carefully read it, of my own free will.

Minor Participant(s) Name(s): _____

Adult Participant(s) Name(s) (over age 18): _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print Clearly): _____

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