

# International Chess Academy: Summer 2021 On-Site Camp Safety Guidelines

Source Reference: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html> (as of April 24, 2021)

1. **MASKS:** We will reinforce mask policies for all campers and staff - the expectation is that people will use masks throughout camp. This includes campers in the same small group or cohort.
  - a) We will encourage consistent and correct use of masks (they don't have to be used while eating or drinking);
  - b) We hope to teach children not to litter as well as the value of proper mask removal and application.
2. **HAND WASHING:** As always in the past, we will reinforce good habits such as washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
  - a) If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer will be used.
  - b) The only time we ask staff and campers not to use hand sanitizer is when their hands are visibly dirty or greasy. Instead, they should wash hands with soap and water.
3. **PHYSICAL DISTANCING:** We are currently reviewing schedules to rotate and stagger camp activities among groups/cohorts to promote outdoor activities and physical distancing.

This guidance describes physical distancing recommendations for day camps that align with current evidence for physical distancing in schools:

- a) At least 6 feet physical distance between campers and staff when eating and drinking.
- b) Six feet between campers in different groups.

To accommodate our younger campers, we will use visual reminders whenever possible.

4. **VENTILATION:** We will try to hold camp activities outside, as much as possible since our Teaneck facility is conveniently next to Votee Park. While camp is in session, we will allow in as much fresh air to circulate in the camp facility as possible.
5. **SHARING OBJECTS:** This guidance is particularly for young children and others who might not consistently or properly wear masks, wash hands, cover coughs and cover sneezes:
  - a) Keep the camper's belongings separated from others.
  - b) Ensure adequate supplies to minimize cross-contamination and sharing of high-touch materials (such as chess pieces) and promote cleansing between use.
6. **LUNCH and SNACKS: IMPORTANT**
  - a) Lunch is from 12:30 to 1:00. Parents are responsible for their children's food for lunch and for snack time. Small water bottles will be provided by ICA (two per day)
  - b) Snack time is set to 10:30 (after the first morning lesson) and 4:00. No eating is permitted during lessons.
  - c) Unfortunately, food sharing is not permitted.
  - d) Weather permitting, and to change routines, we encourage counselors to use their discretion and eat outside with their groups/cohorts.
7. **ON-SITE CLEANING** is important as ever, but harsh cleaning products will not be used when children are present. The Teaneck facility will be thoroughly cleaned each night on the days we have camp and will be well ventilated before morning.

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