



Aloha Beach Camp Coronavirus Response



Like most people today we're sure coronavirus (COVID-19) has been on your mind. We wanted to address some concerns you may have, and share Aloha Beach Camp's communicable disease and emergency response plans with you. We hope this document demonstrates our commitment to helping campers and staff enjoy a safe, fun and healthy camp experience. We will continue to monitor new information and developments as they become available; rest assured our pre-camp, arrival day, and on-site health and wellness efforts will continuously be updated to reflect the current best practices recommended by public health authorities. Meanwhile, here's how Aloha Beach Camp is addressing the situation.

Licenses, Permits, Certifications and Qualifications

Aloha Beach Camp is L.A.'s only American Camp Association Accredited Beach Camp licensed by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. This means we meet or exceed over 300 best-practice summer camp industry standards of camp operation including camper and staff health safety practices (among hundreds of others). The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health inspects our program on a regular basis to ensure our compliance with the latest health and safety-related practices at camp. Our relationship with our local health department is vital to ensuring an appropriate camp response to any communicable disease threat. Our work with them allows us to maintain effective protocols for the identification and appropriate treatment of any illnesses that may occur at camp, including COVID-19. We collaborate, share information, and review plans with local health officials to help protect the camp community. The Los Angeles County Health Department is fully informed of our plans and procedures so they can offer support with disease prevention practices including strategies for before, during, and after a possible outbreak.



Aloha Beach Camp's communicable disease management plans and procedures have been accredited by the American Camp Association and reviewed and licensed by the Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health.

Pre-Camp, Arrival and On-Site Screening Procedures

As a pre-requisite prior to joining Aloha Beach Camp, each camper is required to submit a health history report signed by his or her doctor. Each report is reviewed by our health team. Should any report raise questions about the child's overall health, our Camp Director will follow-up with the family (and often the camper's doctor) for clarification and take whatever additional steps may be deemed necessary to determine whether the camper can safely participate in a beach camp setting without posing a health risk to him/herself or others.

Each camp day, counselors perform a general health screening prior to campers boarding the bus. This allows us to determine each child's basic health status including any observable injuries or health conditions and asking campers' parents whether they've travelled internationally the past two weeks or been exposed to any known carriers of the coronavirus.

Upon arrival at camp, Aloha Beach Camp's California Certified Health Supervisors will perform a more thorough screening including asking about medications, dietary restrictions, allergies and illnesses (including any communicable diseases). Results of the screening will be documented in writing and shared with the camp health team. Appropriate action and follow up occurs on a case-by-case basis as the Health Supervisor sees fit.

What if Someone Gets Sick at Camp?

At each of our camp locations we are lucky to be directly adjacent to healthcare professionals such as firefighters, paramedics, lifeguards, and the L.A. County Sheriff's Dept. We also have EMT's, firefighters, and California Certified Health Supervisors on staff. Moreover, our counselors are thoroughly trained in disease prevention and treatment techniques. We will have an extra supply of medical equipment on site and on the buses including masks, gloves, hand sanitizer and additional prevention supplies. Campers exhibiting any signs of sickness will not be allowed at camp, and we ask your help in advance to keep sick kids at home. Campers who show signs of any illness while at camp will be immediately quarantined in a supervised "sick tent" until they can be taken home from camp.

Refund Policy

If campers are sick, we have flexible makeup day policies. Campers are entitled to unlimited make-up days if they are sick or need to miss camp for any reason. If the summer ends and campers have any unused days, the days will carry over/be applied to the following summer as a full credit.

Information Monitoring

When all is said and done, the number one way for us to help keep your kids safe and healthy at camp is to stay informed, monitor the situation and implement protocols issued by reliable health professionals and organizations. The [World Health Organization's daily COVID-19 situation report](#) and the [CDC's website for best practices regarding preventive actions](#) are primary resources for us. Moreover, we are fortunate to have an *immediate family member* in a high-level management position at the CDC in Atlanta. We're in constant communication with her regarding COVID-19. She provides up-to-the minute updates for us, ensuring we always have the latest information and we're able to make informed decisions.

Disease Prevention Strategies

Practicing the following standard hygiene procedures – and communicating this information to campers and staff every day – is a top disease prevention strategy recommended by health officials. We will ensure we have the necessary supplies on site each day to protect campers and staff including masks, gloves and hand sanitizers. The good news regarding COVID-19 is this disease poses no immediate concern for camps and appears [less risky for kids](#). The best way to prevent spread is:

- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 30 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily.

Thank you for taking the time to read our response and the measures we're taking relative to the coronavirus. We invite your questions and comments anytime. Our phone number is (818) 932-4600. Our email address is info@alohabeachcamp.com. Here's to a safe, fun and healthy summer camp season for all!