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ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT PALO ALTO COLLEGE YOUTH SUMMER CAMP COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols

Welcome to the Palo Alto College Youth Summer Program 2022. Our first priority is the safety of camp participants and staff. Due to the current COVID-19 situation, the Palo Alto College will be implementing health and safety protocols for all youth summer program participants and parents. These protocols are based on the State of Texas Minimum Standard Health Protocols. These protocols may be updated (with as much advanced notice as possible) based on guidance from the CDC, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the State of Texas, and the local health authority.

Common use areas will be cleaned frequently, and participants will be washing hands multiple times per day. Social distancing will also be practiced as much as possible. Please note the following protocols will also be in place:

Health Protocols for Youth Summer Program Participants and Parents

- During the participant daily drop-off and pick-up times:
 - Staff will keep a checklist of participants and write-in who dropped the participants off in the morning and who picked them up at check-out.
 - Parents will be given any notification forms at the time of pick-up. No signatures will be taken, but staff will provide the written notification.
 - **Parents must call the appropriate program contact if picking up child earlier than 4:30pm.**
- Participants and staff are strongly encouraged but not required to wear masks covering mouth and nose. Parents are encouraged to provide participant with a mask that will hold up to the rigors of the camp day.
- Participants will use hand sanitizer upon entrance to the summer program site.
- Drinking water will be available with paper cups to be thrown away after each use.
- **Due to the serious nature of this virus, participants may not cough, sneeze, etc. near another participant as a joke.** Parent notification forms with disciplinary action and/or removal from the program may result from participants coughing, sneezing, etc. as a joke.

Meal Service

- Participants must wash hands before meal service.
- All meals will be provided.
- All meals will be served individually to participants.
- Meals will be served with disposable utensils, napkins, cups, etc.
- Participants must wash hands after meals are completed.

Program Activities

- Participants will be directed to wash hands or use hand sanitizer before each new activity as needed.
- Equipment sharing will be limited as much as possible.
- Supplies will be distributed to each participant for the week. Each participant will use their own supplies for the week. Participants will not be allowed to share supplies.
- Holding space/Cubby will be marked with each child's name. Each child's supplies and any items to take home will be kept in the holding space when not in use.

Health protocols regarding sick campers

If a participant exhibits new or worsening signs of possible COVID-19 symptoms, the following steps will be taken:

- Immediate isolation of any participant exhibiting new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19.
- Parents will be contacted and notified that their child is exhibiting symptoms. Parents are expected to pick up any sick participants in one hour or less. Participants exhibiting symptoms that have been left for longer than an hour are subject to have staff contact Campus Police.
- If an individual (participant or staff) has a confirmed positive COVID-19 test result, staff will notify all parents or guardians of campers in the group. The parents or guardians may decide to either pick up their child from the camp or leave the child in the camp and trust the camp to take appropriate safeguards.

It is extremely important that all participants listen to staff and follow directions from staff at all times. Please make sure that you have talked to your child(ren) about following all directions. **Palo Alto College reserves that right to remove any participant from the day camp program if the participant's behavior is disruptive and/or causes health and safety concerns for other participants and/or staff.**

We are implementing a number of health and safety precautions in order to keep participants and staff healthy and safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. We hope that your child(ren) feels safe and enjoys the camp experience this summer.

Please feel free to contact the appropriate summer program organizer if you have any questions or concerns:

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