



YMCA CAMPING **AND** OUTDOOR EDUCATION



Here's how we've made our
programs safer.

We have been working closely with other YMCAs across the province, following both Provincial and Municipal Health Guidelines to ensure our new procedures and training will keep families and staff as safe as possible this fall.

Screening Protocols

- All Y staff will participate in a daily-standardized health screening either online prior to camp or conducted by a designated and trained staff member at the beginning of each day.
- All parent's/caregivers and children will participate in this same "active screening" conducted by designated staff when you arrive at site for drop off. This health screening will include a temperature check of the parent/caregiver and children. Parents/caregivers will also be emailed the "screening forms" prior to coming to the program. The option is given to parents/caregivers to complete the screening ahead of arrival to the program. All attending the program will be asked if anything has changed since the screening has been submitted.
- All locations will keep a daily record of the completed active screening forms.
- All locations will have a designated screening station. There will be signage related to COVID-19 including physical distancing markers, health posters, etc.
- After the child and their family have completed and passed the active screening form each day, the participant will then be introduced to their program staff and fellow participants in their group.

Family and Siblings

- We are asking families to please keep their child home if they are not feeling well, and we are asking the same of our staff!
- Parents and Guardians will not be allowed in program spaces.

Outdoor Program Arrival

- Please arrive ten (10) minutes prior to the start of your program to give enough time for screening.
- If you arrive late, you will be asked to wait in a designated waiting area until the camp screening team is able to screen you and your family.

Program Safety Measures

- Your child's group will remain the same for the duration of the program. There will be one camp counsellor and a minimum 8 participants per group. This program group will have designated spaces for programming. There will be no large group activities or intermingling amongst other groups.
- All participants are required to bring and wear a mask when inside. Masks do not need to be worn when eating or participating in physical activities while indoors. When on Toronto Island, masks must be worn outside at all times except when eating, drinking or boating.
- All camps will have heightened cleaning and disinfecting measures throughout the day that staff will follow.
- We will be encouraging handwashing regularly with all children and staff, and in addition staff will carry hand sanitizer in their fanny packs.
- Staff will carry face masks and gloves, to wear if they have to perform first aid on a child.
- All children and staff must bring their own snacks, water bottles, and lunches. There will be no food sharing.
- Each child group will primarily have their own program equipment to use, any shared equipment will be thoroughly cleaned between uses.
- Washrooms will be cleaned regularly, including after groups use them.

Staff Training and Preparation

- All camp staff will go through in-depth training related to health care measures, to ensure your children are safe at all times.
- All staff are trained and will follow the Y Day Camps Outbreak Policy when dealing with a participant or staff that shows symptoms of COVID-19.
- All Y Day Camps will have enough Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) on site for all children and staff, in the situation where there is an emergency and multiple groups are required to be in the same place and social distancing becomes difficult.