

On Being a Participant at Week of Missions . . .

We are breaking new ground as we learn how to hold a conference that is safe for all participants. The shadow of Covid-19 and Coronavirus infection brought major disruption to all our lives, including the life and ministry of Wi-Ne-Ma Christian Camp. These guidelines come as a reminder that we still may be exposed as people come together from different parts of the country. We will have guests who may be in the higher risk of infection category. By opening up for a conference like Week of Missions, there is the possibility of exposure simply because we are camping together. Christian camping is about sharing life together. No matter your personal view of the seriousness of this pandemic and the chances that you might catch Covid-19, we all need to work together to lessen the risk to others and enjoy a safe and healthy Week of Missions.

What you can expect

1. Pre-Camp Screening: Completion of a form within 48 hours of your arrival confirming that

- No one in your family is experiencing flu or cold symptoms or had a fever within the last ten days.
- No one has been exposed to a person who has tested positive for covid-19 in the last 14 days.
- You and your family will follow social distancing measures while here.

2. Upon arrival/check in

- Re-affirm that no one is currently experiencing symptoms or running a fever. A touchless thermometer will be available at the reception desk to use if needed.
- Further education material will be given describing what is expected to mitigate the risk of exposure to Covid-19.

2. Mitigation/Prevention Guidelines

- You are encouraged to stay home if you have Covid-19 symptoms and/or if you are at risk for severe complications (over age 65 or have underlying medical conditions).
- You are to follow physical distancing guidelines (the 6' rule). Use a face mask or face shield when such distancing is difficult. Not required with immediate family members.
- You are strongly encouraged to use a face mask or face shield when in indoor public as well as outdoor settings where people or groups cannot maintain six feet of distance from other parties. As Oregon is reopening and restrictions are being lifted on businesses and public spaces, it may be difficult to ensure that people can stay six (6) feet apart at all times.
- You are encouraged to practice good hand hygiene with frequent handwashing for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer (60-95% alcohol content).

- You should use good respiratory hygiene. Cover coughs/sneezes with elbow or tissue. If a tissue is used, then immediately discard the tissue in garbage and wash Your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

3. Housing

- Each family must be housed in their own unit (RV, Tent, Camping Housing). Lodging must be limited to a single-family household.
- As much as possible – families are to use the restroom and shower facilities in their housing unit. There will be occupancy limits for public restrooms.
- RV's and Tents must be located at least 10' apart from each other.

4. Meals

- You are encouraged to bring and prepare your own food.
- The Dining Hall will be open and observing the guidelines for Phase 2 Restaurants.

5. Other Points of Emphasis

- Bring your own water bottles and hygiene supplies: face masks, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes/spray disinfectant and cloths.
- You are encouraged to recreate with your own household members rather than with others.
- You should avoid traveling to or recreating in areas where it is difficult to maintain at least 6 feet from others not of your household.

6. Sessions/Group Activities: While the schedule and program is still being formed, there are some basic guidelines to follow in our group gatherings.

- Gatherings will be limited to capacity of the venue. For example, the Missions Building, based on its size will have a capacity of 200.
- Seating will be arranged to help us maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet per person, except that members of the same family can participate in activities without staying 6 feet apart. This physical distancing must be maintained.
- People in different parties or family households are not to congregate in any area whether indoor or outdoor.

7. What should we do if someone in our family comes down with a fever or other flu/cold-like symptoms.

- They should self-isolate in their RV or lodging.
- Contact their physician for instructions.

- Return home immediately or seek local medical assistance.
- Contact the Camp Office to complete an illness report form.

8. How will Week of Missions be different this year?

- No large group gatherings in the Missions Building. Physical distancing must be honored.
- No swimming in the lake or boating. Due to Covid-19 closures, the Camp was not able to hire certified lifeguards required to monitor those areas.
- No children's or youth programs. Guidelines for group youth activities are quite strict and would require even more stringent levels of physical distancing, record keeping, and cleaning requirements.
- Recreational activities need to be more family oriented (sand-castles, scavenger hunts for example) and less competition oriented (volleyball, basketball) due to the need to maintain physical distancing.

9. How will Week of Missions be the same:

It will be an opportunity for like-minded people who want to see and participate in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-29) to come together even under restrictions brought about by the presence of Covid-19.

Further Resources <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-covid-19/>

Public Guidance

<https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2342D.pdf>

Guidance for Outdoor Recreation Organizations

<https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2351i.pdf>

Specific Guidance for Venues and Event Operators

<https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2351D.pdf>

Gatherings/General Guidance

<https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2351G.pdf>

Summer Camp Guidance

<https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2357.pdf>