May 25, 2020

Hello,

Our staff at Riversport hope that you and your family are well during this time. We have all experienced a new transition in society by incorporating healthy habits of social distancing, wearing mask, washing hands, and sterilizing surfaces constantly. When this unforeseen health crisis of the Covid-19 virus began to unfold, we also started laying out a plan of how we would adapt and evolve our operations as more information was presented. Since opening on Friday, Riversport has been proactive in keeping the safety of guest, and staff our highest priority. We have been adhering to all CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health guidelines daily during our initial startup this weekend.

As mentioned before, we have been working to create a safe logistical plan for every camp. The primary focus is to have every healthy student who arrives for camp to leave healthy at the end of each session. What we will do during that week of camp is to put in place measures to dramatically decrease our contact with the Covid-19 virus by controlling our environment and work to minimize exposure to it. We will attach some important links at the end of this letter for parents to read. Currently, the lowest risk group on the CDC web site are children from studies. They also describe camps with the lowest risk are ones that all participants stay in one group the entire time, and there is no mixing of other/ outside individuals into that particular group.

Our plan focuses on 4 areas that we can mitigate exposure: Location, Participants, Food Preparation, and Transportation.

1. Location: Our camps have typically been held at a campground owned by our friends at Paddlers Lane. It was also a public campground with a men/ women bath house. Our concern now is having control over creating a clean sterile space without contamination or congregation from others around students. Also, being at a location that we can separate our group away from others to prevent exposure. It has been determined that Riversport is a location suitable to promote a clean environment. We can limit contact with others, and make the location accessibility only to staff and students.
* Riversport will have an upgraded private bathroom with single shower that can be locked. It can be cleaned after each use and will have a check list of daily cleaning.
* The store will be cleaned at select times each day with checklist.
* Equipment will be cleaned before the river and after we get off the river.
* Students will use their own personal tents while camping on the premise.
* Riversport will also have mask accessible for participants if they are needed. We will ask that students supply their own mask in the list of items to bring.
* Accessible Hand sanitizer will be placed in appropriate locations, sinks for washing hands inside the shop and outside will be accessible.
* Students will camp in separate tents during the week with personal items stored inside those tents.

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1. Participants: For our camps to begin in a safe and healthy environment, it begins with the student before arrival. We ask that any participant who may be feeling ill, exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19 (cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat and loss of taste or smell), or that may have been exposed to others having the Covid-19 virus. Please stay home to protect others, and become healthy again.
* Riversport will have a pre course screening for participants upon arrival that will include a contactless temperature check.
* Each morning we will also check temperatures of students/ staff.
* \*\*\*\*CDC Guidelines for larger groups: Due to recommended guidelines, our prior camps that held larger group sizes, will now be limited to 11 students or less. Currently, our June camp will need to be split into 2 groups. We will reach out to parents of this camp to ask about flexibility of some families moving to the following week starting June 28-July 3. This will allow more social distancing from others, and allow space while staying at Riversport and transporting students. It will allow staff to clean within a reasonable amount of time.
* I have closed our other registration for camps as they are currently at the 11 students or less limit. If we have more interest to create an additional camp from parents, we will look to turn our July 26-July 31 Adventure Camp into a regular Kayak Camp as we currently have only 1 student registered.
* We will keep parents updated through the week on student’s health and wellbeing.
* Practice Social Distancing when necessary.
* Wash Hand and use Sanitizer often and often again.
* We will have a location to clean Personal Paddling equipment three times a day. Riversport has a bleach mixture per the CDC Blood Borne Pathogen/ Covid-19 virus for disinfecting gear and a designated area for drying.
* We will have students dropped off at designated times on Sunday apart from other families to social distance.
* We will not require mask to be worn on the river once everyone arrives at the put in and we enter the river.
* Students that do not have equipment, will be issued gear that they will only use that week and not shared. It will be cleaned as described daily.

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1. Food Preparation: In past camps, we would offer a group setting of cookouts and buffet style dinning. Now, as a precautionary measure, we will have individually packaged meals, and drinks along with cutlery packaged separately. This will prevent cross contamination. This past weekend, we opened our café next door to Riversport where we prepared take out meals successfully.
* Students are welcome to bring their own individual packaged food items in a cooler, but we will ask that no open items be shared among campers.
* Also, individual water bottles will be needed for the camps and will be sterilized at our café often daily.
* Any deserts will also be prepackaged for individual consumption.
1. Transportation: We have changed the usage of our vehicles with rentals and instruction due to Covid-19. We currently are only operating rentals at the lake above our store where there is only drop off and pick up of equipment. We are transporting 1-2 drivers in the same group/ family for our short two-mile trips.
* Looking forward to our camps, we will be using 3 vehicles to transport our smaller groups where distancing can happen safely. Students will be spaced apart and windows rolled down when possible.
* These vehicles will be allocated only for only camp students, and staff. No other guest will use these during camps.

We are looking forward to this upcoming paddling season, and seeing returning students along with new paddlers joining our program. Riversport will strive to again create a safe environment for all of our students coming to camp. It has been challenging to shut down, then reopen, and upgrade operations to still provide an enjoyable service to all. We understand that our plan to still hold Summer camps may come with a sigh of relief and excitement for some parents. Understandably, there may be hesitation or concern for other families to attend. Moving ahead, we want to be flexible with families who have preregistered. If participants would like to move to any Summer camps of 2021, there would be no increase in price for this option. We would also consider a Day camp scenario where parents could pick up students at specific times each day to take home, or to their own camp, then do a drop off the next morning. Whatever your choice, Riversport will work to accommodate you.

Thank you for your patience and this extended period of time to get our plan to you,

Andy Smith

Attachment:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html#anchor_1589933279516>