

The Barton Center for Diabetes Education, Inc.

THESE ARE OUR CURRENT FALL, WINTER, SPRING COVID PROTOCOLS—WE WILL POST SUMMER PROTOCOLS WHEN AVAILABLE.

UPDATED COVID PROTOCOLS FOR 2021-2022 FALL, WINTER, SPRING PROGRAMS

PLEASE NOTE: THESE PROTOCOLS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS NECESSARY PRIOR TO START OF ALL PROGRAMS. WE WILL EMAIL ANY CHANGES TO YOU JUST PRIOR TO THE START OF A PROGRAM.

The Barton Center for Diabetes Education takes standards for hygiene and cleanliness very seriously and is taking additional steps to protect our campers, families, and staff. Our health and safety measures are designed to address a broad spectrum of viruses, including COVID-19, and include everything from handwashing hygiene and cleaning product specifications to the cleaning of program equipment and watercraft.

The purpose of this plan is to develop and implement a strategy to operate Fall, Winter, Spring programs while preventing the spread and outbreak of COVID-19. We are closely monitoring government policy changes and are implementing many regulations from the American Camp Association (ACA) Operations Field Guide, Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Guidelines, mandates from the state of Massachusetts, and our local health officials. **We will continue to make changes, as necessary or appropriate, to our protocols and procedures to ensure our due diligence in making The Barton Center a viable and safe option for our families this season. We encourage you to check your emails for the most up-to-date protocols prior to camp as any further changes will be emailed to you. Please contact The Barton Center directly with any COVID related questions prior to the start of camp.**

Capacity Modification

Enrollment capacity and cabin capacity will be based on the ability to maintain social distance within buildings and emergency shelter locations per DPH guidelines.

Group Cohorts

Campers will be assigned a cohort prior to the start of camp. Campers participating in overnight camp will be assigned a cohort based on gender, as this will also dictate camp sleeping arrangements. Cohorts cannot comeingle with each other, must maintain social distancing while at camp, and will remain consistent for the entirety of the program. Each cohort will have assigned counselors for the entirety of the program.

Facility Upgrades

The Barton Center will be adding hand-sanitizing stations, one-way trails to reduce walking opposite directions of other groups of campers, closure of high contact surface program areas, and additional upgrades to meet local and state building and health department guidelines. In addition to upgrades, we plan to increase circulation of outdoor air within buildings (via windows, doors, fans) as much as possible, unless doing so creates a hazard.

Program Cancellations

Public health conditions may change over the fall, winter, spring in a way that requires programs to be canceled. We will monitor reports about infection rates and consult with local and state officials.

Vaccination status

Based on the newly expanded age eligibility for the COVID vaccination, all campers and staff will be required to be FULLY vaccinated prior to the start of camp. Per CDC definition, full vaccination begins two weeks after the second vaccine dose has been received. No exceptions to this requirement will be made. If your camper tests positive prior to the start of any camp, despite vaccination, please contact The Barton Center for further instructions.

Check In/ Drop-Off Procedures

The initial check in process will be conducted at the Chabot Health and Education Center and divided by assigned cohort. Everyone must wear a mask during check in. Parents will accompany their child during the check in

process, and social distancing will be maintained throughout check in. **To ensure we have a smooth and timely check in process for everyone, all required confirmation paperwork must be sent in 2 weeks prior to the start of the program, including a copy of your camper's COVID vaccination card.** After quick health update and collection of medications, staff will take your camper and their belongings to the program area. Belonging areas will be separated by cohort. You will not be allowed to accompany your camper past the check in point.

Check-in Screening

Upon arrival at the program:

- Staff will perform symptom checks for all campers.
- Parent/Guardian will fill out the Fall, Winter, Spring Check-in Health Screening form to confirm their child and anyone in their household has not experienced any COVID-19 symptoms in the last 24 hours and that their child is not required to be in COVID-19 isolation or quarantine.
- Parent/Guardian must sign a written attestation regarding any household contacts to someone with COVID-19 symptoms or if they have given their child any fever reducing medication.

Pick-Up Procedures

Everyone must wear a mask when entering the building to pick up their child. Parents will check in to the same cohort station as drop off, at which time they will meet with the cohort's nurse to discuss any issues/concerns while at camp. After this step has been completed, a staff member will bring you to your camper and their belongings.

Masks (Adult/Children)

Masks will be required for all indoor activities, and during those times where social distancing is not appropriate. Campers may bring their own mask if desired; however, The Barton Center will supply disposable masks for all campers, parent/guardians, and staff as needed.

Physical Distancing

Campers and staff will maintain social distance between themselves and other cohorts.

Sick camper

We encourage parents to **please be mindful**. Any child exhibiting any symptoms of illness should remain at home. If a child exhibits any symptoms of illness while at a Barton program, a rapid COVID test will be administered, and the parent/guardian will be contacted to pick up the child. The child will be isolated until pick up. If results of a rapid test are positive, the parents/guardians of campers in the cohort of the ill child will be notified and asked to pick up their children as well. The children in the cohort will also be isolated until pick up. If test results are inconclusive, a second rapid test will be administered. Parents will be notified via email of any positive COVID-19 cases at a Barton program. If your child is impacted (tests positive or a close contact tests positive), you will be called.

Activities

All activities will be done on site. We will clean surfaces and equipment in accordance with CDC guidance, including the cleaning of high touch surfaces twice per day. Cohorts will do all activities as their cohort group. Outdoor spaces will be used as much as possible. When outdoor activities are not possible, campers will rotate through larger indoor areas.

Camp Store

There will be no camp store for Fall, Winter, Spring programs.

Lost and Found Policy

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, The Barton Center is limiting items held in lost and found, after each program ends. We want to be mindful of safe storage space and how to prevent exposure of staff and campers from items.

Camp will only hold the following specific list of items:

jackets/sweatshirts; sleeping bags, blankets, pillows; prescription glasses; durable medical equipment; prescription medication; diabetes supplies and equipment; shoes; backpacks
Camp will keep these items for no longer than two weeks from the end of the program, after which, these items will be donated or thrown away. Please note that these items will be held at the discretion of camp staff. Items that are soiled, damaged, or otherwise deemed not able to be safely stored will be disposed of.

Camp will not hold the following specific list of items:

socks and underwear, all toiletries and toiletry bags, hats, t-shirts, pants, shorts, pajamas washcloths and towels, water bottles, sunglasses, flashlights and headlamps, toys, cameras, arts and crafts projects including tie dye