

# The Barton Center for Diabetes Education, Inc.

FALL, WINTER, SPRING PROGRAM COVID PROTOCOLS FOR 2023-2024 AS OF 1/1/2024

**PLEASE NOTE: THESE PLANS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS NECESSARY.**

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 hand 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 camp 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 our website and your emails for the most up-to-date protocols prior to camp as any further changes will be posted on our website, and last-minute modifications will be emailed to you. Please contact The Barton Center directly with any COVID related questions prior to the start of camp.**

## **Facility Upgrades**

The Barton Center will have hand sanitizer at activity areas, Winex air cleaners in each cabin, 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.

## **Vaccination status**

All campers are highly recommended to be vaccinated. Staff are required to be vaccinated and boosted prior to the start of camp. **No exceptions to this staff requirement will be made.** If your camper tests positive prior to the start of any camp, please contact The Barton Center for further instructions.

## **Check-in/Drop-off Procedures**

**Please ensure you have sent in ALL required confirmation paperwork TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO ATTENDANCE. If we do not have all required paperwork on file, your camper will not be allowed to attend camp.** The check-in process will be conducted at the Chabot Health and Education Center. Parents will accompany their child during the check-in process. After quick health update and collection of medications, staff will take your camper and their belongings to the program area.

## **Check-in Screening**

### ***Upon arrival at camp:***

- Staff will perform symptom checks for all campers.
- Parent/Guardian will fill out the Camper 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.

## **Pickup Procedures**

Parents will check in, at which time they will meet with their camper's healthcare team member 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)**

Masking is not required at camp, masking is optional. The Barton Center will supply disposable masks to all campers and staff if desired.

### **Daily Screening**

Staff will perform daily symptom checks for all campers. A rapid COVID-19 test will be administered to any camper exhibiting any symptoms or running a fever/temperature.

### **Sick camper or staff**

If a child exhibits any symptoms of COVID-19 illness while at a Barton program, a rapid COVID test will be administered. **If a camper tests positive for COVID, they must be picked up immediately.** If test results are inconclusive, a second rapid test will be administered. If a camper tests positive, every camper in the cabin will also receive a rapid COVID test. If additional campers test positive, they will be quarantined and sent home. All campers that test negative for COVID will remain at camp and be tested again the following day. Parents will be informed if their camper tests positive. If there is a close contact but the camper tests negative, parents will not be informed.

### **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. Outdoor spaces will be used as much as possible. When outdoor activities are not possible, campers will rotate through larger indoor areas.

### **Lost and Found Policy**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, The Barton Center is limiting items held in lost and found, after each camp session ends.

#### **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 (not water shoes or sandals); backpacks  
Camp will keep these items for no longer than two weeks from the end of the session, 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, all swim gear including swimsuits and goggles, hats, t-shirts, pants, shorts, pajamas washcloths and towels, water shoes including sandals, water bottles, sunglasses, flashlights and headlamps, toys, cameras, arts and crafts projects including tie dye.