



Day CAMP 2020



Frequently Asked Questions

In this unprecedented time, we understand the importance of providing guardians information to make informed decisions about recreational programming.

If you require more information email recreation@stjohn.ca and we will be happy to assist.

Q: How do I register for a City of St. John's Program?

Visit our website stjohns.ca/RECconnect; search camps and the complete list of camp offerings will appear.

Q: How do I get more information about the program?

The [participant information package](#) includes detailed and relevant information.

Q: Are there extra supplies my child will need to bring to camp?

Yes, we are requesting that in addition to personal items such as hat, water bottle and sunscreen, participants also need to bring a labeled bottle of hand sanitizer for their use. Hand sanitizer will be on site and at entrances of facilities. Public health guidelines do not permit handling of food therefore staff will not provide utensils or microwaves for heating of lunches.

Q: What is the expectation of social distancing in the program for participants?

Children will be assigned a leader group to stay with for the entire week. The number of participants in the leader group is 1 staff to 5 children (1:5). This will support promotion of good hygiene practices and provide extra attention to participants many of whom are learning the expectation and skills of social distancing. We will use visual cues and signage to support children in understanding social distancing concepts. Within each leader group, children will not be required to social distance. At times each leader group may join with one other leader group for a larger group activity where social distancing will be encouraged. Day camp schedules have been arranged to avoid the entire group of campers being together in a large group.

Q: What cleaning measures are in place?

Facilities and equipment will be cleaned daily in accordance with public health guidelines. Additional attention will be given to high use areas such as washrooms, doorknobs, tables and chairs. Children will be assigned their own space where they will eat, keep their belongings and be provided with individual art materials and or tabletop games for their exclusive use.

Q: Will there be changes to the pickup and drop off participants?

Yes, each camp location will have an established plan to allow for social distancing of guardians. It is requested that one guardian be identified to provide pick up and drop off each day. Each day COVID-19 related screening questions will be required for participants prior to entry.

Q: What activities will my child be taking part in?

Staff have planned a busy schedule of activities with a focus on physical activity, fundamental movements, art and fun. Outdoor play is a key element of the program and we are hopeful for great weather however many poor weather plans are developed. There are several internal resource staff who will provide “special” activities to each of the programs such as dance play, outdoor pursuits and coding. Due to public health restrictions in Alert Level 3, children will not be permitted use playgrounds; green space is preferred with mobile equipment that can be readily cleaned. Indoor pools are not scheduled to open until Alert Level 2 and therefore campers will not be swimming. For the safety of staff and participants, off site trips are suspended.

Q: What if a participant exhibits symptoms in a program?

During registration guardians must identify participants who have underlying health conditions and/or present symptoms due to allergies.

If a child displays COVID-19 related symptoms during the program the following will be adhered to:

- Guardian will be contacted immediately
- A staff member will be assigned to the child
- Isolate/physically distance the child
- Good handwashing for child and staff
- Both the staff and child will mask and glove, guardian is to immediately come to the site to pick up their child
- Remove any materials used by the child and sanitize according to sanitization guidelines

Staff who present with symptoms will be removed and self-isolate as per guidelines based on the current public health alerts. In accordance with public health guidelines staff will report any such incidents as required.