Middlesex Community College
College for Kids & Teens
COVID-19 Screening & Protection Plan

We are approaching the 2022 College for Kids & Teens season with great enthusiasm and appreciation. After going virtual for the 2020/2021 season, we are eager to be together as a community this year. We welcome new and returning families to our College for Kids & Teens Program and look forward to offering a summer of learning and adventure.

Effective January 2022: All students (including non-credit students enrolled in any on-campus courses or off-site clinical) will be required to provide Middlesex Community College proof of COVID-19 vaccination prior to coming on-campus.

College for Kids & Teens follows the Department of Public Health Guidelines and as such below you will find MCC’s College for Kids & Teens updated operational processes.

Covid-19 Prevention Plan

Parents/Guardians will screen their child each morning before leaving the house. If the camper has any of the signs or symptoms below the child may not attend:

- Fever (temperature of 100.0 F or above), felt feverish, or had chills?
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Difficult breathing
- Gastrointestinal symptoms (diarrhea, nausea, vomiting)
- Fatigue
- Headache
- New loss of smell/taste
- New muscle aches
- Any other signs of illness

Indoors

- All participants and counselors wear masks indoors regardless of their vaccination status.
Each group will remain as a cohort indoors in a specified classroom.
Each group is assigned their own designated classroom space for rainy days or extreme humidity.
In the event of rain or extreme heat, youth will stay with their group, in their assigned classroom and will have breaks/lunch in their designated classroom.
Program supplies and equipment will be shared within their cohort.

Outdoors
- Participants may remove their masks when outdoors at the discretion of MCC Staff.
- If you would like your child to wear a mask outdoors at all times, let us know, by emailing: ellisl@middlesex.mass.edu.
- Youth and staff will use Hand Sanitizer before and after each activity.
- Youth may share supplies and equipment within their cohort.
- Snack and lunch will be outdoors.
- As a pre-COVID practice, youth and staff always sanitized their hands before and after snack and lunch.

Snack and Lunch
- Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will send non-perishable food or include an ice pack. Youth and staff will keep their snack and lunch in their backpack in their designated group classroom
- Bring your own filled water bottles. Water bottles can be filled at water filling stations in the school building.
- Snack and lunch will occur picnic-style on the grass with their assigned cohort group.
- In the event of rain or extreme heat, campers will eat snack and lunch with their group, in their assigned classroom.

COVID 19 Response Plan

Identifying Illness
- If an MCC counselor feels ill or they notice that a child shows symptoms of illness, the person feeling ill must go to the Health Office to be assessed by our health supervisor. In the case of a staff member becoming symptomatic, a leadership team member will be assigned as back-up to their group.
- The health supervisor will contact the symptomatic child's parent(s)/guardian(s) to be picked up and will remain in isolation from other youth until they are off campus.
• College for Kids & Teens staff will work with the college’s emergency management team to help identify and notify close contacts and for guidance on quarantine requirements.

• If an asymptomatic individual tests negative, they may return to camp after their symptoms have improved, and have been without fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.

MCC follows the most current guidelines set forth by the state. Once the updated state guidelines are released, we will have a better picture of what summer youth programs will look like. **COVID guidelines are subject to change.**

We realize that these are very uncertain times and things change at a moment's notice. We hope that the information that we have provided is of assistance to you in these turbulent times. Please feel free to ask more questions or reach out to Lauren Ellis at any time: collegeforkids@middlesex.mass.edu or ellisl@middlesex.mass.edu