

# Tamarack West Summer Camps 2020 - What Adaptations To Expect Around COVID-19 Safety

## Half Day Camp Schedule

9:00 am - 9:15 am Drop off period  
9:15 am - 12:30 pm Half Day programming in High Park  
12:30 pm Pick-up

No Extended Camp.

No Lunch Period.

We will not be taking any public transportation, and will remain in High Park.

## Reduced Group Sizes

Each camp group will consist of no more than 8 campers.

There will always be at least 2 staff in each group.

Reduced camp capacity means our camp will fill up fast. Please expect waitlists.

We may open up another camp group if there are enough registered on waitlists.

## Physical Distancing In High Park

- We will not be using the Splash Pads
- We will be avoiding public playgrounds (at least for the first few weeks).
- We will do our best to avoid going under crowded picnic shelters in the event of rain (As before, we will embrace the rain! Feel free to pack an umbrella.)
- We WILL be exploring nature, playing in forests and fields and having lots and lots of fun!

## Physical Distancing Within Our Camp

Wherever possible, we will be encouraging physical distancing (e.g. at snack time, during planned [games and activities](#), while travelling to and from locations using 3ft walking sticks).

We know at times this may not be possible among kids.

How we will reduce exposure under these circumstances:

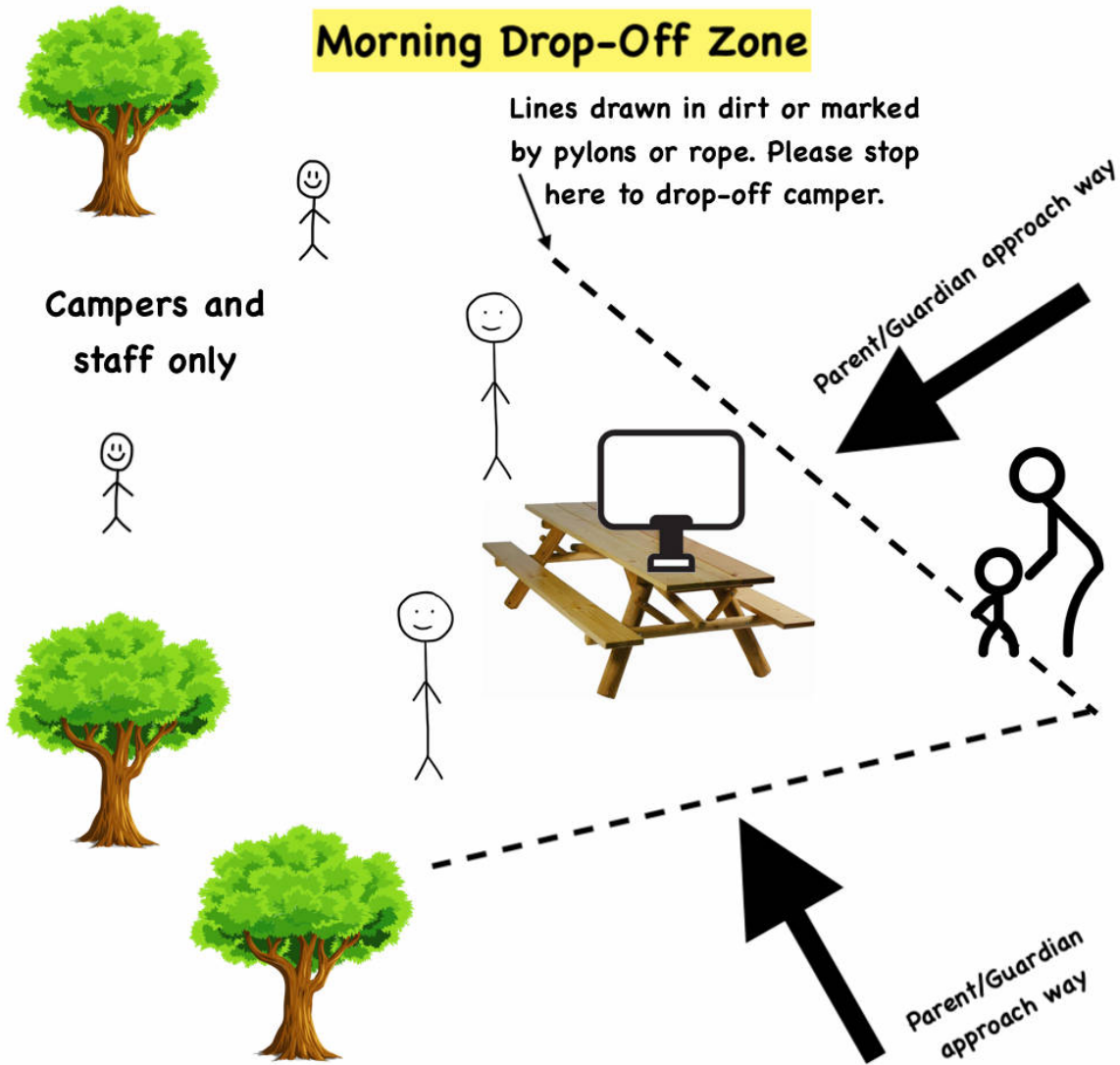
- Maintaining reduced group sizes
- Keeping each camp group separate from all other camp groups

- Keeping any outdoor equipment separate from other camp groups, and disinfecting all materials at the end of each day

**YOUR ROLE WITH COVID-19 SAFETY:**

- Keep your child at home if anyone in your household is showing any [symptoms for COVID-19](#).
- Minimize or avoid altogether bringing personal belongings to camp (e.g. toys) to avoid germ transfer.
- Essential personal items (e.g. backpack, clothing, water bottles, food containers, etc.) should be labelled to avoid items being mistaken for other children’s items.
- Do not bring food to share.
- Apply sunscreen before arriving to camp, and bring your own labelled sunscreen.
- This, and several other agreements are outlined further in the COVID-19 Safety Agreement and Welcome Package, to be sent to all those attending camps.

**Physical Distancing During Morning Drop-Off and Lunch Time Pick-Up**



As part of Ontario Ministry of Health safety guidelines, parents/guardians are not to enter the camp setting when dropping off and picking up their child, unless absolutely necessary.

Please notice any designated boundaries upon your arrival.

## Face Masks

- Wearing a face mask - We are leaving this decision to parents/guardians, as you know your child's health (physical, psychological, and otherwise) and their tolerance to the heat, best. Your child may keep a face mask inside their backpack in case they show sudden signs of illness during the day (who will then need to be picked up immediately), or if a staff needs to interact with them directly in any way.
  - We encourage parents/guardians and campers to wear face masks during drop-off/pick-up if you are able to.
  - Note: All staff will be wearing face masks: during drop-off, pick-up, if physical distance cannot be maintained, and if they need to interact with children directly in any way.
  - Physical distancing will never compromise the safety of our campers.

## Handwashing

Each camp group will be supplied with hand sanitizer and/or hand wipes.

We recommend your camper also bring their own hand sanitizer and/or hand wipes. (More details on what to bring will be in your Welcome Package, to be sent the week before your camper's first day.)