

BFA Junior Balloonist Summer Camp COVID-19 Policy

Safety and wellbeing of all campers and staff is the focus of the BFA Junior Balloonist policy on COVID-19. The included policies are based on the most current CDC guidelines and summer camp best practices and will be followed by all 2021 BFA Junior Balloonist camps. Any federal, state, or local guidelines that are more restrictive than the policies written here-in will be adhered to. Any updates to our policies will be shared at BFAcamps.com, the Balloon Federation of America Youth Program Facebook page or individual camp social media pages and communicated by your Camp Director.

Camper and Camp Staff Wellness

Camp Director shall designate a staff person responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns. Camp Director shall give the contact information of this person to the BFA Youth Chair, campers, staff and guardians and any site contacts as needed.

Pre-Camp Guidelines

The BFA encourages all campers and staff to have a COVID-19 vaccine prior to participating in the 2021 camps where possible.

Unvaccinated Campers and staff are encouraged to have a negative COVID-19 test within 5 days of the start of participation in any BFA Camp. Depending on circumstances, Camp Director may request participants to be tested while at camp.

All campers and staff will be expected to complete and present at check-in, the BFA Youth Program Pre-Camp Health Screen form. Camp Directors will send the necessary form to campers and staff at least 3 weeks prior to camp.

All campers and staff will be prescreened by phone by Camp Director or their designee before camp. Campers and staff will be reminded that camp participants will be from many geographical areas. Any camper or staff who does not participate in prescreening should not be allowed to attend camp. Registration and Tuition fee will not be refunded.

Any camper or staff member who exhibits symptoms of or tests positive for COVID-19 shall not attend camp. Campers and staff who are required to isolate due to close contact shall not attend camp. Camp registration and tuition fees will be refunded upon proof of positive test or documentation of close contact.

Arrival and Departure

Precautions will be taken to limit contact and transmission between families at these times. Arrival and departure times for campers should be staggered to limit interactions. Families should limit length of time spent during drop off/pick up as well as number of nonessential guests. Campers will be screened at arrival before entering the camp facility.

During Camp

All campers and staff will be monitored for symptoms of COVID-19. Monitoring will include daily temp checks and self-screen surveys that will be documented by Camp Staff on the BFA Youth Program COVID-19 Daily Health Log. Any symptoms or concerns will be reported to the guardian and Camp Director for possible implementation of the

isolation plan. If an isolation plan is implemented, BFA Youth Chair should be notified immediately and all campers, guardians and staff will be informed of contact using established notification guidelines.

Isolation Plan

Affected camper(s) or staff will be isolated and Camp Director, guardian and BFA Youth Program Chair will plan for their care including the possibility of immediate pick up or removal from camp location. Each camp should have a limited supply of N95 masks and gloves for the staff members who have contact with those in isolation or during transport. Camp Staff must take additional precautions for relocation of non-affected campers and staff and proper cleaning and sanitizing of all affected areas. Camp Director shall take appropriate actions to transfer duties should a Camp Staff member become unavailable. Each Camp Director shall have an isolation plan specific to their location and share this plan with the BFA Youth Chair a minimum of two weeks before camp starts.

Safety at Camp

Camp Directors shall train campers and staff on the safety precautions to be taken at their camps. Training should include forwarding guidelines prior to camp to campers and guardians, staff, and additional volunteers to encourage them to become familiar with precautions. Camp Director or Medical Officer will conduct a master briefing at the beginning of camp with time for discussion. Camp Staff will provide daily reminders and encouragement and inform Camp Director or Medical Officer of any issues with safety precautions. The precautions shall include but not be limited to masks, social distancing, handwashing, sanitizing and self-monitoring.

Camps should severely limit nonessential visitors, volunteers and any activities involving external groups. Additional care should be taken to follow social distancing, mask wearing and sanitizing to minimize risk of contact and transmission when not at the camp location.

Masks All campers and staff will be expected to provide their own masks in quantities appropriate for the duration of camp.

Masks shall be always worn when inside a building or vehicle unless eating or sleeping. Masks shall be worn outdoors if 6 ft social distancing cannot be maintained.

If possible, activities that make wearing a mask difficult (eating, strenuous exercise) should be done outside taking care to encourage 6 ft social distancing.

Masks should be worn during balloon activities and in chase vehicles. Limited exceptions can be made during flight – attempt to face opposite directions if not wearing a mask whenever possible.

Sanitation Campers and staff should be encouraged to wash hands often and use hand sanitizer if hand washing is not available. Camp Directors should ensure adequate supplies of both items during the duration of camp based on their individual location and schedule.

Campers and staff will keep personal items contained in public spaces. Crates and Ziploc bags for bathroom items will be provided in sleeping spaces. Campers will be provided backpacks for other times for their personal items. Sharing of personal items is discouraged.

Vehicles, balloon systems and recreational equipment used during camp will be sanitized following every use.

Camp Director will determine a cleaning schedule with the camp location and any offsite locations used.

Meals/Food Service Every effort shall be made to provide individually packaged meals, snacks, and beverages.

If buffet type meals are served, the number of volunteer servers will be limited, and they will be reminded to self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms and exposures. All standard precautions will be taken including social distancing, mask wearing, handwashing, gloves for servers, and proper sanitation.

Campers and staff should be encouraged to maintain 6 ft social distance when masks are removed. If possible, meals should be served outside.

Every effort will be made to keep campers and staff safe during this summer's BFA Junior Balloonist Camp. By being educated in current precautions, through proper planning and training of staff and campers in best safety practices and close monitoring of everyone's wellbeing, campers and camp staff can be comfortable in gathering to enjoy the balloon camp experience.

Note: This policy is subject to change as further guidance is available from federal, state, and local health sources.