

SYSC COVID-19 PROCEDURES/PROTOCOLS

All of the following procedures that we are putting in place are designed to protect our staff, students, and community. We ask that you do your best to follow them so that we can get back on the water as soon as possible! Please know that we will welcome everyone back with open arms once it is safe to do so. In the meantime, our mantra of “Safety, Fun, Learning” must be in place with an enhanced emphasis on shoreside Safety. Thank you!

This document will be readily available to the public in order to remain transparent and clearly defined in our goals to provide a safe and healthy environment at SYSC for all students and their families. It is based off of local and federal guidelines and procedures, advice from healthcare experts, and experts in the fields of boating, summer camps, and education.

The word ‘**participant(s)**’ refers throughout the document to both students and staff on premises. Family members, friends, or others not participating directly in a session will not be allowed in the building or to congregate inside the fence until we are past Phase 3.

Guidelines for Re-Opening:

- SYSC will fall under the category of a ‘Day Camp’ in terms of the government’s re-opening guidelines
- We will remain closed during Phase 1 of the re-Opening Guidelines
- During Phase 2, we will be open with enhanced social distancing measures in place and only for students living in Sheboygan County
- During Phase 3, we will be open with distancing measures in place and for students from other areas also in Phase 3 of the re-Opening Guidelines
- **SYSC will not open or operate if we feel we are creating a further safety concern for our staff or students on or off the water**

Program Modifications

- Participants will be asked to sign off on the following procedure modifications before participating in the program
- The lead staff member for the session will also be assigned as the ‘safety officer’ and will help to enforce sanitizing and social distancing
- Some equipment modification will occur to avoid potential situations where staff members may have to be in close contact with sailors, including adding floats to masts and adding restrictions for wind and sea state
- Staff will not hesitate to break social distancing requirements if immediate action is required to assist in a potential emergency situation

Operation Modifications

- Healthy Hygiene Practices
 - Participants will be taught/reminded to cover coughs and sneezes
 - Participants will be expected to properly and regularly wash their hands and avoid touching their faces

- Participants will be expected to wear a cloth face covering (mask, buff, bandana, etc.) while on shore, especially when physical distancing is difficult, such as assisting in case of an emergency or with launch/retrieval of boats
- SYSC will only be open when supplies (soap, sanitizing spray and wipes, etc.) are on hand and readily accessible for practicing healthy hygiene
- Staff will be trained on proper use of all personal protective equipment and expectations for their own and their student's healthy hygiene practices
- Signs will be placed in appropriate areas throughout the facility to help encourage and remind participants of safe practices
- Increased Cleaning and Sanitization Practices
 - Frequently touched surfaces in the building will be disinfected and cleaned at minimum between each session by a qualified staff member
 - Staff members will be taught the safe and correct application of the disinfectants used
 - Equipment will be disinfected and cleaned after each use and stored for the suggested period of time before the next use whenever possible
 - Additional hand washing stations will be set up around the facility
 - Boats will be washed daily, at minimum
- Social Distancing Practices
 - Sessions and classes will be sized to current local guidelines and start/end times may be staggered in order to allow for proper social distancing
 - Participants will be kept in groups together as consistently as availability and registrations allow
 - Markings will be made throughout the building and grounds as references for proper social distancing
 - Classes will be cancelled if inclement weather restricts our ability to practice proper social distancing practices
 - Nonessential visitors, volunteers, family members, friends will be restricted from the building and grounds
 - Space between boats and equipment will be increased to allow for 6 feet or more of space between participants
- Limited Sharing Practices
 - Participants will not be allowed to share food or beverage containers and utensils and SYSC will keep some single-use water bottles on hand
 - Participants will keep their belongings separated from others and will not share food, water, sunscreen or other gear
 - Equipment used by one class will be sanitized and cleaned before the arrival/use by the next class
 - Use of equipment will be rotated and spaced out whenever possible to limit use by a number of different participants
 - Participants should use the same equipment whenever possible
 - Doublehanded sailors will be assigned a partner for the duration of the session, a family member if possible

- Participants are encouraged to provide their own gear if they can (PFDs, rain jackets, etc.)
- Monitoring and Preparing
 - Participants are encouraged to stay home if they are feeling sick
 - Parents are encouraged to keep children at home if they are feeling sick or if a member of their household is feeling sick or exhibiting symptoms
 - Screenings and monitoring will take place respectfully and reporting done confidentially
 - Any participant who displays symptoms of COVID-19 will be sent home as soon as possible
 - Participants will not return until they have met CDC criteria to discontinue home isolation
 - Participants exposed to a person with COVID-19 will be informed if possible and will be encouraged to seek appropriate health care
 - A communication system will be implemented for participants for self-reporting of symptoms, notifications of exposure and potential closure of the facility
- Staff Training Practices
 - Staff will be trained in all above practices
 - Staff will be trained in proper use of PPE, sanitization procedures, and monitoring for illness by a health care professional
 - The Program Manager will be the staff person responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns