

Farmhands Summer Program 2021 and COVID-19 Impact FAQ

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Due to ongoing impacts COVID-19 is having on the Guidestone Farmhands community, Farmhands is continuing to implement health policies for the 2021 summer camp program season to ensure the safety of our campers, families, and community.

Below are answers to frequently asked questions related to our COVID-19 specific policies. If you have questions that are not specifically related to COVID-19 impacts, please be sure to read our regular Farmhands Parent Handbook. And, if you are not finding the answers that you need, please contact us at info@guidestonecolorado.org. We will do our best to respond in a timely fashion.

What extra precautions are you taking to ensure the health and safety of campers?

Guidestone has a COVID-19 health policy based on current guidelines and best practices. This policy includes detailed information related to: daily camper and staff health screenings; what to do if a staff member or camper becomes sick; protocols for duration and frequency of hand washing; protocols for cleaning and sanitizing surfaces and supplies; protocols for snacks and lunch; and the availability and use of protective equipment. All protocols are subject to change based on county, state and federal health recommendations.

Because this is an evolving and dynamic situation, we will continue to update our COVID-19 health policy throughout the summer (as needed) and a copy of the current policy based on the most up-to-date guidelines and best practices will be provided to parents one week prior to the start of their child(ren)'s program. Guidestone has been safely managing the risks associated with running an outdoor based program for more than 11 years, including 2020's program season, and our organization has proven itself exceptional at creating and operationalizing policies to keep participants and staff healthy and safe. Guidestone will be applying this expertise with continued vigilance this coming summer to minimize the potential for the spread of COVID-19.

Guidestone staff will operate camp in compliance with all guidelines set forth by Chaffee County Public Health. Current extra precautions will include:

1. To ensure staff and student health on camp day arrival:
 - We will ask staff and camper parents to do a verbal health check of their camper(s) prior to arrival. We will also have a forehead thermometer available on site as a back up.
 - We will keep a daily health log to record participant health status.
 - All drop offs and pick-ups will be outside, and we will ask families to wait their turn and stay distanced to check their child in or out.
 - If a camper has symptoms of any kind, we will require them to stay home. Full and partial reimbursements will be provided.

2. Campers and instructors will stay 3-6' distanced when able, per County guidelines, and we will develop seating, game systems, and other easily visible spatial clues that allow ease for kids in maintaining this distance.

3. Campers and instructors will also wear masks throughout the day, except for water, snack and meal breaks. These breaks will only take place when campers are seated at their assigned/distanced locations.

4. Instructors and campers will take multiple hand-washing breaks throughout the day - after any main activities and prior to snack and lunch breaks. Hand sanitizer will also be provided at the check-in table, in the bathrooms, and kept with an instructor at all times.

5. Each camper will receive their own set of supplies (markers, pencils, scissors, glue, clipboard, etc) to alleviate the need for sharing supplies. These supplies will be washed and sanitized at the end of each camp week.

6. If a camper begins to feel sick at any point throughout the day, we will provide an isolation area for that child until the child's parent is able to pick them up. That child will need to stay home for 48 hours, and a camp reimbursement will be provided if this break includes missing any camp days. If an instructor begins to feel sick, they will be asked to head home immediately, and a different staff person will step in for the remainder of that day, and for 48 hours afterward.

7. Comprehensive cleaning and disinfecting will take place at the end of each camp day, to include all bathroom surfaces, doors, gates, faucets, supplies, and any other hard surfaces.

8. Guidestone will not provide any shared items this year, including sunscreen, bug repellent, extra jacket or hat, water bottle, etc. Families will be required to provide all of these items from home for their child(ren).

What camps are you offering this summer?

We are able to provide more camps again this summer, and we're choosing a maximum of 14 participants, plus 1-2 instructors. This number is 30% of the total allowable number of camp participants, based on current guidelines for Outdoor Camps at Chaffee County's current Blue COVID-19 Restriction Level.

2021 program offerings include:

- Little Sprouts and Little Spurs programs for children ages 4 and under with a parent or guardian (7 sessions total)
- Rancher Mondays for children ages 5-7. (4 sessions total)
- Three-day Garden, Farm, and Ranch Camps for children ages 5 and up. (8 camps total)

Please see Guidestone's website: www.GuidestoneColorado.org for program details.

What happens if restrictions levels begin to increase again?

We will continue to monitor county, state and federal restrictions, and make changes as required in a timely and thoughtful manner. In the event that the local, state, or federal government implement any future orders that would require Guidestone to cancel camp, we will provide a 100% refund to families.

What is your cancellation policy, and what if Guidestone needs to cancel camp for a reason related to COVID-19?

Due to COVID-19, Guidestone has updated its standard cancellation policy to include:

Guidestone Cancellation: If Guidestone needs to cancel a camp prior to the start of a camp, families will receive a 100% refund. This includes any instances under which a COVID-19-related change in local, state, or federal regulations makes it impossible for Guidestone to deliver camp.

In the event that Guidestone has to cancel a portion of a camp that has already started in accordance with Chaffee County Public Health guidelines due to a camper's suspected or actual COVID-19 illness, families will receive a 100% credit for the unused portion of the camp to be used through Summer 2022, or a 80% refund.

COVID-19 Health Cancellation: If a camper is diagnosed with COVID-19 or has any symptoms as defined within current Chaffee County Public Health guidelines pertaining to COVID-19 for day care centers or camps that require the camper not attend camp, families will receive a 100% credit for the unused portion of the camp to be used through Summer 2022, or a 80% refund.

In all other instances, Guidestone's standard cancellation policy remains in effect.