



VSF CAMPS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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OUR DISCLOSURE AND PARENT & PARTICIPANT COMMITMENT

**WE WILL SEND YOU PRIOR TO DEPARTURE
AN UPDATE IF ANY CHANGES OCCUR IN THE FOLLOWING POLICIES**

In choosing to attend, or send your child to a VSF camp summer program in 2023, participant and parent or legal guardian(hereafter collectively “parent” of a minor participant (participant and parent here after sometimes “you”, “your” or “I”) must acknowledge and agree to do so under the following conditions:

Because of the unforeseen and unprecedented nature of the COVID-19 Pandemic, resulting medical, legal and economic conditions and associated county restrictions, VSF camps International SRL, dba Vivre Sans Frontières (or “VSF”) was forced to create new and altered programming for 2023 and alter its registration, risk management and emergency response policies.

Before attending your child to a VSF camp program during the COVID-19 Pandemic, we want **you to clearly understand the changes in our program and policies and importantly, parent’s/participant’s responsibilities.**

VSF CAMPS - PROGRAM REALITY

1.VSF Camps International cannot guaranty safety or a COVID-19 free program environment. The risk of a participant (or anyone else) contracting COVID-19 or any other communicable or contagious disease is an inherent risk of the program environment. Our effort is to manage the risks, including the risks associated with COVID-19, and the parent and participant are critical partners in our effort to manage these and any other risks. Ultimately, we cannot promise or guarantee that the virus that causes COVID-19 or any other pathogen will not enter our program.

By the very nature of the personal interaction that takes place in a camp environment, there is always a risk of participant (or others) becoming ill with this or any other disease. We want you to be fully aware of this and related risks in making the decision to attend (or allow your child to attend) a VSF camp program. Parent and participant must be willing to accept and assume these and other risks as outlined in the ***VSF Camps: Acknowledgment and Assumption of Risks & Release and Indemnity Agreement.***

2. In light of the uncertain nature of COVID-19, the start date and continuation of VSF programs are subject to abrupt change at any time, including during participant's trip (e.g. altered conditions of participation, participant separation, or program termination). This is a reality with all our camp programs, but emphasized here, specific to the unique nature of COVID-19.

RISK MANAGEMENT PROTOCOLS AND POLICIES—CHANGES AND CONSENT

3. Our risk management and emergency response protocols include heightened policies in many facets of the camp experience. Some of these policies we will plan and prepare for (see examples below). In other cases, we will remain vigilant about the information we receive and may amend our protocols and policies in real time as the situation dictates.

We believe in our ability to operate right now in a manner that aligns with state and local guidelines, government recommendations and our own policies, as we engage in our endeavor to identify and manage COVID-19, and hopefully prevent its presence in our camp programs environment.

EXAMPLES OF CHANGES TO OUR POLICIES AND YOUR CONSENT:

All Participants:

Upon arrival participant may be subject to a temperature test and health screening. If the participant holds a temperature over 100.4 Degrees F and/or does not pass the health screening, a VSF representative will be in touch with the family to discuss next steps.

Non-Residents:

If your child is visiting France and it is not his/her permanent residence, we ask that you follow the applicable state self-quarantine guidelines, and we may ask that participant receive a test before attending a VSF Camp program. **This may change depending on county or state restrictions and guidelines.**

High Risk Participants:

If your child presents as high risk for complications related to COVID-19, we encourage and support you taking additional precautionary measures including consultation with his/her healthcare provider to discuss if traveling to France and attend the VSF Camp program is appropriate for your child right now. As always, we will be reaching out to any family to discuss the health concerns of any participant.

See resource:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/index.html>

Parental Consent:

Parent, for yourself and for your participating child, consent to all VSF or the Camp Organization participant screening, monitoring/ testing and contact tracing procedures, including those required before, during and after program session.

« Parent and Participant – VSF Camps » COVID Commitment:

As identified here, **our programming has changed to address COVID-19 challenges, but we are determined to provide a fulfilling and fun experience for participants, with your cooperation.**

When participants arrive in France, we will orient them around COVID-19 precautions and other policies, so they are clear on their role as team players in the risk management equation regarding COVID-19 and other aspects of the program – and they will make **the VSF Camps COVID Commitment!** Key to our success will be our partnership with parents and campers.

You must understand that the risks of SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 transmission to anyone, including parent or participant, can occur both in the VSF Camp program community and in your home community as participants arrive to VSF Camp programs and return home –with parent’s or participant’s actions potentially impacting BOTH communities.

As a result, participant, and parent share in the responsibility for their own and others’ well-being—including those in the VSF Camps and your home community. In that regard, we ask that parent and campers make the VSF Camps COVID Commitment to commit to and honor the COVID-19 precautions not only when campers are attending our camp programs, but, appropriately, before participants arrive and after participants depart. Campers and parents are then partnering as active risk managers in an effort to assist both communities!

Parents:

Your partnering includes taking action if you believe your child might be ill prior to their adventure. If your child is exhibiting symptoms such as a fever, shortness of breath, or any symptoms of COVID-19 or other communicable diseases before they arrive in France, we ask that you keep your child home and inform us immediately.

If your child exhibits these symptoms during camp, we will remove them from their group and we will work with you to make immediate arrangements to get your child home. Importantly, if before arriving at camp, your child **has** been in contact with anyone who is exhibiting symptoms of or who has COVID-19, you must contact us immediately so that we may decide on an appropriate protocol.

We may ask for your child to be tested with negative COVID-19 results before attending a VSF program.

See resource: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

What You Can Expect

1.Enhanced Cleaning Protocols.

Our staff will have increased responsibilities for cleaning and disinfecting all program spaces and program equipment. Examples of this include van cleaning and equipment cleaning.

2.Increased Safety Measures -Staff and Participants.

Our staff will be taking increased measures to be sensitive to their own -and participants -health and safety. This may include the wearing of personal protective equipment, like masks, temperature checks and also new procedures for how we social distance on programs.

3. Engaging Programming in Time of COVID.

Not all our programming will be the same as prior years as we amend activities to meet social distancing standards and other guidance if imposed by the French government. Additionally, we will break into smaller groups for certain activities during the camp program. These smaller groups will be key to our successful management of the program offerings.

Importantly, we will also be amending our programming so that we have less contact with individuals outside of our camps.

4. Increased Communication with Families - Updates and Alerts.

In any year, we pride ourselves on communication. Never has this been more important than this year. We will work to maintain open lines of communication with our participants, their families and our camp staff at all times.

In June, prior to the beginning of our first camp session, before participant's stay with us, you will be receiving updates for how we will communicate during the program.

Parent and participants signatures:

I acknowledge and agree to the above, and parent and participant agree to discuss this information before the VSF Camp program start.

Camper's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____