



VSF SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

« COVID-19 HEALTH PROTOCOL »

« Protocole Sanitaire COVID-19 »

The present COV-ID 19 Protocol specifies the operating modalities and special measures that must be applied by of all the camp organizations and schools in France starting from the beginning of the school year 2023.

It is part of the requirements of the French Ministry of Health in the light of the opinions delivered by the High Council for Public Health on 7 July 2020, and on the provisions of Decree No. 2020-1096 of August 28, 2020 amending Decree No. 2020-860 of July 10, 2020 prescribing the general measures necessary to address the covid-19 in the territories which have come out of the state of health emergency and in those where it has been extended.

The situation will be regularly assessed to adapt, where appropriate, the framework for organizing our camp activities.

IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIAL MEASURES

The following **rules and conditions** reflect what has been put in place for the organization of our camp sessions in all our holiday centers [for the summer 2023](#)

1- Welcoming our campers:

According to the health protocol sent to us by the French Ministry of Health, the total number of minors that we can welcome at our centers is not limited.

Parents will be invited, prior to departure, to take the temperature of their child before they fly to France, or before their meet the VSF Team for the check-in at the hotel in Paris, or before they bring their child to the camp if they choose that option.

In the event of fever (38.0°C or higher) prior to departure, or if the child or any of member of the child's household shows any symptoms of Covid-19, **the camper will not be able to attend camp.**

Children with Covid-19 who have been positively tested by RT-PCR or reported as such by a physician or who have a confirmed household member, or who are identified as at-risk contacts, **will not be able to participate in our camp program.** The same rules apply to the VSF Team members and to all the camp staff.

Our holiday centers are equipped with thermometers to measure the temperature of children (and staff) as soon as they present symptoms while at the camp.

WHAT IF I CATCH A COLD (RUNNY NOSE, SNEEZING, COUGHING) AND/OR A FEVER 3 WEEKS BEFORE MY PLANNED DEPARTURE, WHAT DO I DO?

Contact a doctor and check if you can travel. Make sure to follow the guidelines stated by your doctor if you are allowed to travel. Let us know if you have these symptoms within 3 weeks of your travel date.

Prior to your departure, you will be asked to start social distancing for 14 days.

HOW SHOULD I PROTECT MYSELF WHILE I TRAVEL?

When you travel we recommend that you follow these guidelines to protect yourself:

- Wash your hands frequently, for at least 20 seconds, especially if you have touched surfaces at the airport. It's a good idea to carry hand sanitizer with you for when you cannot access soap and water
- Keep a distance of 2 meters away from other people
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Wear a face mask and make sure to use it throughout your journey

2 -Health monitoring:

Under the authority of the camp Director, a Health Assistant present at each camp location, and the camp Directors, will be responsible for health monitoring and designated as the « Covid-19 **Focal Point/ Check member.**

This person will formalize and explain the rules that will be applied at the camp in prevention against the transmission of the virus, following and respecting the recommendations of the French ministry of Health relating to the adaptation of the measures to be applied in schools, universities and summer camp organizations for the collective reception of minors according to the evolution of the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

These rules, which should be referred to, give us directions for the detection and management of the occurrence of a suspected or proven case of Covid-19.

3 - Communication with families:

Parents will be informed prior to registration about the organization of the stay, the importance of the respect of the barrier gestures for themselves and for their children. Included in case they choose to bring their children themselves to the camp location (or pick them up at the camp location at the end of camp).

4 - Accommodation and facilities:

Our holiday centers are supervised by the DDCSPP (*Direction Départementale de la Cohésion Sociale et de la Protection des Populations*) and all our centers have all received a positive approval from the Security Commission.

We can welcome all our campers in the best possible conditions regarding health and safety.

**Our camp organizations, camp directors,
and the VSF camps Team undertake to strictly comply with**

THE FOLLOWING HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS:

1 - Maintenance of premises, furniture and equipment:

- Our technical teams present at each center will carry out a thorough cleaning of the premises prior to the opening of the holiday centers and prior to the arrival of children. The maintenance of the premises will be carried out throughout the camp sessions using the usual procedures and products with household gloves.

- Cleaning of floors and large surfaces (tables, desks, dining-room) will be carried out at least once a day. - A disinfectant cleaning of surfaces most frequently touched by the children and the camp staff in bedrooms, bathrooms, activity rooms and other common areas (such as door handles) will also be done at least once a day.

- Ventilation of the premises will be as frequent as possible (for at least 15 minutes each time). This aeration must take place at least every 3 hours.

The activity rooms and all other premises occupied by the children and the camp team during the day will be ventilated in the morning (windows and doors fully opened), and at lunch time (before and after lunch) and during the cleaning of the premises in general.

- The windows of the activity rooms and of the accommodation areas in our centers will be opened as frequently as possible to increase air circulation (e.g. between 10 and 15 min in the morning before the arrival of the children in the restaurant area, between each activity, at lunch time and at the end of the day).
- The use of fans throughout the premises (accommodation, restaurant areas, activity rooms) will be prohibited if the flow of air is directed to people. The use of air conditioners will be possible provided that the air flow is not directed to people, that the air is not recycled, and that the filtration is efficient from a sanitary point of view.
- Participation of minors in cleaning tasks will be prohibited. These will be carried out by our technical teams equipped with individual protections.

2 - Distancing rules and wearing masks (public masks)

In 2023, physical distancing and the wearing of public masks will not apply.

3 - Hand Washing:

WHAT ABOUT HAND WASHING AND IMPROVED HYGIENE/ SANITIZATION?

Our Camp organizations and camp directors have developed a schedule for increased, routine cleaning and disinfection.

In addition to encouraging hand washing, they will be providing additional handwashing stations and signage throughout camp and will provide designated times to wash hands in the daily schedule.

Staff will be disinfecting frequently touched surfaces (e.g., playground equipment, door handles, sink handles, drinking fountains, art supplies, games, etc.) between use as much as possible. Additional signage and reminders will be posted throughout the campus to remind campers and staff as well.

In the absence of immediate access to a « hand-washing station » and if the hands are not visibly dirty, the use of a hydroalcoholic solution, under the control of an adult for the youngest, will be carried out.

4 - The conditions of accommodation:

- The number of beds per room will be set by the camp organization prior to the arrival of the groups. It will respect the rules of physical distancing. A distance of 1 m between each bed will be respected,
- The rooms will be ventilated several times a day by the camp's technical staff and the camp counselors,

- Before the beginning of each camp session, the bed linen (including also the bed sets, bedspreads and duvets covers) will be washed with an adequate washing cycle (cycle from 30 min to 60°C minimum). Pillows and mattress-protectors, which may be used as a one-time service, will be replaced.

5 - Meals and restoration:

- Meals will be served at the table by the camp team.
The organization of access to the dining room will be designed to limit queues (staggered arrivals),
- The organization of the restoration will be designed in such a way as to prohibit or limit the elements used in common which can facilitate contacts and gatherings,
- The layout of the tables will be organized to ensure the same rules of physical distancing as those applied in the health protocol of the hotel and restaurant areas (respect of a distance of 1 linear meter between 2 tables).
- Disinfection of the tables will be carried out after each meal,
- Hygiene rules and barrier gestures will be displayed in the catering rooms,
- Hand washing will be done before and after the meals.

CONDUCT IN THE EVENT OF SUSPICION OR OF A PROVEN CASE OF COVID-19 IN ONE OF OUR HOLIDAY CENTERS

WHAT HAPPENS IF A CHILD OR STAFF MEMBER DEVELOPS SYMPTOMS DURING THE CAMP SESSION?

If a child or staff member develops symptoms, they will be isolated first and then sent home.

If the child or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, VSF CAMPS and the Camp Organization will immediately notify parents in their group.

If a group has a staff member or a child that is found to have a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 during the camp session:

The local health department, as well as the parents of children in the group, will be notified immediately, and the group shall quarantine following the French Ministry of Health guidelines.

Individuals may not work at or attend until completing self-quarantine and obtaining clearance from the individual's primary care physician.

Procedure:

- 1- **Any symptom suggestive of COVID-19 infection in a child, identified by the camp team or supervisors**, will result in isolation in a suitable location (isolation room in the main office building or infirmary). The child will be asked to ALWAYS wear a face mask. In case of doubt about the symptoms of a child, a temperature measurement will be carried out by the health assistant of the center.
- 2- The medical treatment of the minor will be organized without delay.
- 3- In case of a COVID test requested by the doctor, the French National Health Dpt. and the DDCSPP of the region of the stay will be immediately informed.
- 4- If symptoms occur, the VSF Team and VSF program Director will be immediately informed by the camp director and the child's parents will be notified immediately.
- 5- If the parents cannot come to pick up the child from camp, the VSF Team and the camp team will ensure in connection with the family, the return of the minor in compliance with the prescriptions of the health authorities.
- 6- The operational process for monitoring and isolating contact cases will then be implemented according to the requirements defined by the health authorities.
- 7- The disinfection of the rooms and equipment used by the children and the camp counselors and directors shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements laid down by the health authorities.
- 8- Based on consultation with the local health department, the entire facility may be closed based on level of contact and potential exposure. If recommended, the camp Director will wait 24 hours, then complete extra cleaning/disinfection of all areas of the facility and wait at least 5 days to bring in the next group.
- 9- If the camp organization needs to cancel a camp session because of COVID-19, we will be providing a prorated refund for the days in which camp is cancelled.
- 10- The operational process for monitoring and isolating contact cases will then be implemented according to the requirements defined by the health authorities.

Any suggestive symptoms in a supervisor, camp counselor, in any camp staff member or in anyone participating in a camp program at our holiday centers in France will result in isolation and in a return to their home.

HERE ARE THE STRICT REGULATIONS IMPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR CHILDREN REGISTERED IN FRENCH SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS IN FRANCE IN 2023:

FULLY VACCINATED CHILDREN:

A child who is tested POSITIVE to Covid-19 must stay in strict **isolation 7 days minimum and do a RT-PCR Test 5 days after the first positive Test result:**

> **IF THE SECOND TEST IS NEGATIVE (after 5 days)** and the child has had no symptoms for 48 hours prior to the test, Isolation can be stopped.

> **IF THE SECOND TEST IS POSITIVE:** Strict isolation must continue for another 7 days. (14 days isolation in total)

NON- VACCINATED CHILDREN:

A child who is tested POSITIVE to Covid-19 must stay in strict **isolation 10 days minimum and do a PRT-CR Test 7 days after the first positive test result.**

> **IF THE SECOND TEST IS NEGATIVE (after 7 days)** and the child has had no symptoms for 48 hours prior to the test, Isolation can be stopped.

> **IF THE SECOND TEST IS POSITIVE** > Strict isolation must continue for another 7 days. (14 days isolation in total)

IMPORTANT NOTE:

VSF Camps International and the camp organization will not cover the costs of special measures, medical expenses, transportation, or escort in case your child needs to be repatriated because of a covid-19 infection.

The situation will be regularly assessed to adapt, where appropriate, the framework for organizing our camp sessions.

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