



DI MISSIONS

Operating Guidelines for Deep Impact Camps

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In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the following list of guidelines has been developed to ensure the safest possible experience for all Deep Impact participants, staff, and those in the communities DI serves.

With the above in mind, the following guidelines and procedures are set forth to be implemented at all Deep Impact Missions and DI Kids camps that operate in July and August 2021. These procedures reflect all current state requirements and respect state mandates and recommendations. As the situation surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic improves, these guidelines may be revised.

I. Staff and Coordinators

- a. Screen staff daily for symptoms of COVID-19, using the NCDHHS Questionnaire or something of similar form.
- b. Isolate sick staff members from all others and continue in that staff member's isolation until all CDC criteria have been met for release.
 1. No fever for at least 72 hours since recovery (without the use of fever-reducing medicine) AND
 2. Other symptoms have improved (e.g., coughing, shortness of breath) AND
 3. At least 10 days have passed since the first symptoms.
- c. By recommendation of the NCDHHS:
 - i. Take staff temperatures daily. Coordinator will take staff temperatures and a staff member will take the coordinator's temperature using thermometers provided by DI and DI Kids, which do not, nor should at any time, come in direct contact with the forehead.

II. Arrival and Registration

- a. Upon arrival, all participants will be screened for body temperature. If anyone in the vehicle is running a fever (body temperature reading of greater than or equal to 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit), the entire vehicle will be turned around.
- b. Only one student or children's ministry leader will be allowed in the registration area at a time. Others will be asked to wait in another area, six feet apart from one another.

- c. Participants will be asked to spend time in their rooms or outdoors, physically distanced, until the camp meeting takes place.

III. Lodging

- a. Participants will be lodged in rooms containing solely their church, as possible.
- b. All beds will allow for roughly six feet of space between the head of one participant and the head of another.
- c. Lodging areas will be cleaned daily with disinfectant by Deep Impact staff members.

IV. Meals

- a. Mealtimes will be staggered as appropriate to allow for space between individuals and groups.
- b. All self-service aspects of any meal will be eliminated. This includes, but is not limited to, the following.
 - i. Desserts must be pre-wrapped and given to participants by a member of the feeding team.
 - ii. Utensils should be placed on the tray by a member of the feeding team and should not be handled by anyone but that member and the student receiving the utensils.
 - iii. Beverage service will be limited to the feeding team. Should a student request a beverage refill, a new cup should be used.
 - iv. In the case condiments (ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard, butter, salad dressings, dipping sauces) are used, they should be prepackaged, and placed on the tray by a member of the feeding team. Any condiments given out and left unused will be disposed of.
 - v. Second servings should only be given with the use of a new plate.
- c. Dining areas will allow for participants to be seated at a distance, with a space in between each church group.
- d. Meal service lines will be marked with placeholders six feet apart.

V. Recreational Activities and Free Time

- a. Recreational activities that involve the close proximity of participants will not be permitted. This includes games such as Gaga Ball, and any other game in which participants are unable to maintain a physical distance at all times unless with their church group only.
- b. If board games are used, participants must sit at an appropriate social distance from one another, and the game must be sanitized immediately upon completion of play.
- c. Any equipment that is used must be sanitized immediately after use.

- d. Students may not congregate in large groups during free time. It is suggested that students primarily interact with those who they are lodged with.
- e. Some common areas will be restricted, based on the site, so that sanitation procedures may be completed with maximum efficiency.

VI. Mission Projects

- a. Missions projects at senior adult facilities will not be permitted, except for those that allow for work to be done outdoors and without direct contact with senior adults.
- b. All missions sites must allow for appropriate social distancing.
- c. Upon return from missions sites, all participants must wash their hands immediately.
- d. If a participant encounters a patron on site who exhibits symptoms of COVID-19, the encounter will be reported to the coordinator immediately, who will report it to the director. The participant will then be under additional screening and monitoring for the remainder of the camp week, including temperature checks.
- e. If an individual or group leader becomes uncomfortable with the ability for sanitation on site, it should be reported to the coordinator immediately.
- f. Surfaces, such as steering wheels and door handles, must be sanitized upon the return to camp each day.
- g. Lunches and water must be retrieved by the same individual from each team. DI staff members will take care of preparing coolers.

VII. Bathrooms and Showers

- a. Shower intervals will be implemented and scheduled by church groups. In between shower intervals, shower facilities will be sanitized by a staff member.
- b. No participants will be allowed to wait on an open shower in the shower facility. Instead, those waiting must wait outside.
- c. Outside of shower intervals, the number of toilets in a bathroom will determine the capacity of that bathroom, with the ratio being 1:1.

VIII. Worship and Church Groups

- a. Worship will be conducted in a large group, if possible, with physical distancing.
 - i. Example: At Red Springs and Shelby, the worship area and the dining area can be used for worship services to spread individuals out.
- b. In situations where this is not possible, two worship services may be used, both of which would cap at an hour. Group A would worship, while Group B did small groups, and vice versa.

- c. Church group areas will be outdoors, if possible, to allow for physical distancing. If groups must be moved indoors, the spaces will be large enough to allow for physical distancing.

IX. Camp Set-Up and Sanitation Matters

- a. Areas that involve lines, such as the areas in front of the DI office, canteen, and food service area, will be marked with place markers that keep participants approximately 6-feet from one another.
- b. Staff members will be assigned to sanitize door handles, equipment, and other high touch surfaces regularly.
- c. Bathrooms, outside of shower intervals, will be sanitized, especially sinks and countertops, every 20-30 minutes.
- d. High traffic areas will be sanitized continuously by DI staff members.
- e. Hand sanitizing stations will be placed in multiple conspicuous areas throughout the camp site. Instructions for washing hands will be placed at every sink.
- f. Camp schedules will be altered to allow staff ample time and opportunity to thoroughly clean and sanitize the campus. The schedule will reflect the following change (DI Kids weeks already reflect this schedule):
 - i. "In-rooms" moved from 11:00pm to 10:00pm.
 - ii. Lights-out moved from 11:15pm to 10:30pm.
 - iii. DI Store service will close at 9:30pm.

X. Face Coverings

- a. In accordance with state mandates and for the well-being of all participants, face coverings are required.
 - i. Participants should wear their face covering properly, where the material covers both the nose and the mouth.
 - ii. Participants may remove their face covering when they are with their group, and any other groups are more than six feet away.
 - iii. Face coverings should be worn in worship for the duration of the service.

XI. COVID-19 Emergencies

- a. In the event that a participant begins to exhibit symptoms of COVID-19, the individual will be quarantined immediately and the following steps taken.
 - i. The participant and his or her church group will be asked to return home and be tested. Any positive result is to be reported to the local health department, and DI requests such information for contact tracing purposes.
 - ii. All common areas will be vacated immediately and sanitized thoroughly.
 - iii. All groups will return to their lodging areas and sanitize them, as well.

- iv.** Anyone who the participant may have encountered on his or her mission site will be notified, and the mission project will cease.