



HSSA Education and Outreach Department Policies and FAQ's regarding COVID-19

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SUMMER CAMP 2020 COVID-19 EXTENDED CLEANING AND SAFETY PROTOCOL

While the HSSA's Humane Amigos camp has existing strict cleaning and safety policies in place due to the nature of animal sheltering and the potential zoonotic disease exposure (diseases easily transmitted from domesticated or wild animals to humans), during the age of COVID-19 we are taking the following additional steps to keep our campers, interns and staff safe and healthy throughout the camp season.

Extended Cleaning and Social Distancing Protocol

- All summer camp staff, interns, guest volunteers and speakers and campers will be required to wear face coverings throughout the duration of camp – minus snack breaks and during lunch. Facemasks will be provided to each child in their personal supply bag.
- Staff, Interns and campers temperature scanned daily – any elevated temperature 100.4 °F (CDC recommendation) or higher will be considered contagious and the individual will be sent home. They will not be able to return to the HSSA for 24 hrs. after fever subsides.
- Camper sign-in and sign-out will be moved to a digital format and staff will handle all check-in/check-out to minimize contact.
- Each child will be provided their own designated area for lunch boxes and water bottles. Only campers will touch their belongings. Campers will collect their items during lunch and return to their designated area after lunch.
- All campers will only enter and exit the Education Center through one door the north entrance door. This door will be cleaned hourly and held open by interns during sign in and out times.
- Once inside the education center, only one door will be used to enter and exit the classrooms. conf. room B door will be used for entry and exit and all doors will be marked accordingly.
- During recess, only the South facing west door will be used to enter and exit the education yard and recess area.
- All door handles and push bars will be wiped and cleaned hourly by a designated education staff member.
- Tables will be wiped before and after all tabled activities including lunch, crafts, snack breaks and any other time tables may be used. During morning activities all tables will be nested. All activities requiring use of tables will be scheduled during the afternoon, to minimize contact with surfaces.
- Foam mats will be assigned and labeled to individual campers for sitting on the floor in adoptions during reading to shelter pet times. These will be cleaned and disinfected at the end of the day.

- Children will have assigned seats during camp. Those chairs will be wiped down at the end of each day.
- Drinking fountains will be closed and out of order for any and all use.
- Reusable water bottles will be required for each camp participant and will only be refilled by a designated staff member at the Education and Outreach water dispenser.
- We will reduce the number of campers from 27 to 15, plus the number of youth interns to from 8 to 4.
- Campers, interns and staff will practice social distancing as much as possible while on campus. This may not be possible when first aid is rendered for a bruise or scratch.
- Children will be provided their own craft supplies bags for their individual use daily.
- Students, interns and staff will continue to be encouraged to always cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when they cough or sneeze or use the inside of their elbow.
- Throw used tissues in the trash immediately.
- Immediately wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean their hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Animal socialization pools will be cleaned twice a day after animal socialization
- Students are provided two breaks for snacks, use restroom, plus two animal socialization times. 20 second hand washing will be completed prior and post each of these activities.
- There will be 6 sanitizer stations available at all times within the Education Center
- No hugs 😊
- Students will need to keep hands to self
- No prize selections – prizes will be provided to each child with gloves on. No trades.
- No food sharing ever
- Sanitizing hands between each animals interaction during animal care
- Assigned education staff & intern to be designated daily cleaning lead
- Floors cleaned daily in hallway, kitchen, restrooms, and education center
- Sports equipment – will be sanitized after each days use in water (only used during recess)
- Board games – we will discontinue the use of board games this year during recess and will instead lead group activities that fall within the health and safety protocol
- During animal cleaning activities each camper will be provided gloves to use during this activity. Staff will assist campers with instructions for wearing gloves and their removal.
- Daily we will have a different animal call to remind students to not touch their faces.

- Kitchen access limited to three people at any time. No camper use of refrigerator. Campers only to use kitchen for hand washing and First Aid when accompanied by a staff member.
- Education center restrooms to only have three campers allowed for use at a time. All others will wait in hallway in a line.

*All cleaning will be done with Rescue™. Rescue™, formulated with Accelerated Hydrogen Peroxide®, is approved for use against some of the world's most dangerous pathogens under the EPA Emerging Viral Pathogen guidance, including SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Rescue™ Wipes, Ready-to-Use Liquid, and Concentrate can be used effectively against the virus that causes COVID-19 when used in accordance with the directions for use.

*Camp ambassador animals and camp foster animal kennels will be cleaned with dawn dish soap and water mixture.

CAN MY CHILD GET COVID-19 FROM THE DOGS AND CATS AT THE SHELTER?

According to the World Health Organization, at this time, there is no evidence that companion animals, including pets, can spread COVID-19 to people or that they might be a source of infection in the United States. To date, CDC has not received any reports of pets becoming sick with COVID-19 in the United States.

Coronaviruses (CoV) are a large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe respiratory diseases. There are many strains of coronavirus, and many that are common in species of domestic and wild animals. These viruses are rarely transmissible to humans. Human coronaviruses create flu-like symptoms that can be extreme. (The coronaviruses we vaccinate our dogs against cause a contagious dog-to-dog intestinal disease.) COVID-19, the coronavirus that is currently infecting people is thought to have come initially from bats via an intermediate host. We will continue to maintain our hygiene standards including handwashing and sanitizing between animal interactions.