

2021 Life Teen Summer Events COVID-19 Safety Plans

As we prepare to host in-person events this summer, Life Teen is committed to keeping the health and safety of our event participants and staff a top priority. While we do not yet know exactly what the status of the pandemic will be and what guidelines will be in effect at the time of the event, we do know that 2021 events will most likely look and operate differently than they have in the past. We are grateful for your patience, flexibility, and compliance as we work with each of our venues to ensure all safety protocols are being met. We are so excited to be able to gather with you again in person this summer!

This document outlines the COVID-19 policies we will be implementing to prioritize the safety of all in attendance. These policies are subject to change based on the pandemic's trajectory, the efficacy of the vaccine, and government guidelines in place at the actual time of the event. Further information and adjustments to policies will be communicated as new information becomes available.

- Life Teen will have a designated staff member on site at each event to serve as the Pandemic Compliance Coordinator to ensure that all protocols are being followed.
- All state and CDC requirements at the time of the event will be met.
- Masks will be worn inside all public areas of buildings, except when actively eating or drinking.
- One-way traffic flows will be established as much as possible with ample signage to prevent crowding and maintain social distancing during times of movement throughout the event.
- All venues will have increased sanitization measures implemented.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available throughout each venue.
- Life Teen will not require negative test results from participants upon arrival, but group leaders are encouraged to collect negative test results from all members of their group prior to traveling to the event.
- Anyone who is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, has tested positive for COVID-19, or has been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within 14 days prior to the event should not attend the event.
- We're excited to welcome as many people as you're able to bring to the event! For groups that register more than 25 people, the Group Leader will divide their group into pods totaling no more than 25 people each.
 - For youth events, each pod must meet required chaperone to youth ratios (1 chaperone for up to every 8 youth of the same gender).
 - Groups are encouraged to maintain these pods for transportation and housing. If intermingling of pods has occurred during transportation and/or housing and an individual tests positive, the entire group will be required to depart the event.
- These pods (of 25 people or less) will be socially distanced from other pods throughout the event. Participants within each pod will not be socially distanced from each other.
- Each pod will have an assigned seating block and dining space to ensure that social distancing is followed. Seating assignments will not rotate throughout the event.
- Groups will not be assigned to share rooms or suites with other groups.
- Meals will be served with food distribution methods in place that avoid congestion and crowding.
- Each event will have a designated space to quarantine any potentially ill person so that they are comfortable and cared for and to protect the health of all other guests.
- Anyone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 during the event will be taken to this designated space and evaluated by first aid. This individual will be required to have a rapid COVID-19 test taken.
 - If the result is positive, that individual along with the other members of their pod will be required to depart the event. It will be the responsibility of the Group Leader to arrange transportation and departure of their pod/group from the event.
 - If the result is negative, first aid and event staff will work with the individual and Group Leader to determine the best course of action.