

## **Summer 2021 COVID-19 Policy**

We have implemented some new policies for this summer to keep our students, staff and volunteers as safe as possible. We understand these changes will take some getting used to, and we are very hopeful that next summer our program will be back to normal. Until that time, we appreciate you abiding by these protocols. Please note that these policies may change if the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) and/or our county health department recommendations change. Any questions and concerns about the policy can be directed to our executive director, Lori Paulsen, at 402-310-7264 or [lpaulsen@brightlights.org](mailto:lpaulsen@brightlights.org), or to our education coordinator, Renee Ford, at [rford@brightlights.org](mailto:rford@brightlights.org).

### **Masks**

- All staff and students will wear a mask over their nose and mouth while at Bright Lights. Exceptions may be made for outdoor activities. Students will follow teacher, administrator or nurse instructions.
- If a student or staff member forgets their mask, they will be provided one by Bright Lights staff. Both children and adult sizes are available.
- Appropriate masks include disposable or multilayer cloth masks. Gaiters will not be allowed.

### **Handwashing & Hand Sanitizing**

- All staff and students will use hand sanitizer when arriving at camp and will sanitize throughout the day. Hand sanitizer will be provided.
- All staff and students will wash hands after recess, after using the restroom, prior to eating or drinking, and whenever deemed appropriate by teachers or administrative staff.

### **Social Distancing**

- Students will keep a distance between them whenever possible.
- Students will be limited to interacting only with those students in their camps whenever possible.
- Each individual camp will make every effort to limit interaction with other camps to limit exposure, except for those in First 15, Before Care and Lunch Care.
- Every effort will be made to use zones during recess to limit exposure to other camps.

### **Food/Snacks/Drinks**

- All students and staff will be required to bring their own refillable water bottle to camp each day. If a student forgets their water bottle, a disposable cup of water will be provided but must be drank immediately and the cup must be disposed of properly.
- All students and staff will wear their mask unless eating or drinking. Eating in camps will be kept to an absolute minimum. No snacks will be provided at any of the half-day camps.
- Students and staff will wash their hands before and after eating.
- For those registered for Lunch Care and full-day camps with snacks, plexiglass partitions will be utilized whenever possible and/or distance will be kept between students.
- Staff will keep a distance and/or use plexiglass partitions when eating.

### **Nurse/Medical Care**

- Two registered nurses will be available at Holmes Elementary. They will manage on-site medical needs.
- These nurses, along with Lori Paulsen, Bright Lights Executive Director, will be the main contacts for all COVID-19 information.

### **Symptoms**

Bright Lights will immediately exclude ill students and staff who have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 including, but not limited to, one of the following:

- Fever of 100.4 or greater.
- New onset of dry cough.
- Onset of shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.
- New onset of loss of taste or smell.

OR two of the following:

- Chills that last longer than 2 hours.
- Congestion and/or runny nose.
- Muscle pain.
- Head headache, sore throat, nausea, diarrhea or vomiting.

### **Testing**

- Bright Lights will accept the results of a PCR test only. Results of an Antigen test will not be accepted.
- If an individual chooses not to test when Bright Lights policy requires a test, they will not be able to attend camp for 10 days.
- If an individual consults their physician and the physician does not recommend a COVID-19 PCR test, Bright Lights nurses will be consulted for a determination on returning to camp.

### **What if a staff member or student exhibits symptoms while at Holmes?**

- Individual will report to the nurse at Holmes and go directly to the COVID-19 quarantine room.
- Individual will wear a mask.
- Temperature will be taken by a registered nurse.
- Symptoms will be logged by the nurse and will be kept in the nurse's office.
- The Bright Lights nurse will review the symptoms as described above and if the nurse deems appropriate, the individual must leave camp.
  - If the Bright Lights nurse determines the symptoms are severe or life-threatening, 911 will be contacted.
  - Parents/Guardians will be contacted to pick up student within 30 minutes.
  - Quarantine room will be disinfected before another individual uses the space.

### **What if a staff member or student exhibits symptoms while at a community site?**

- Individual will report their symptoms to the Bright Lights staff on site.
- The Bright Lights nurse will be consulted, and appropriate action will be taken.

**A student/staff member may NOT attend camp if:**

- Individual has tested positive for COVID-19 but has not yet completed the required 10-day quarantine.
- Individual exhibits symptoms as outlined above.
- Individual has had close contact to a COVID-19 case (with no mask for more than 15 minutes). Bright Lights nurses will be consulted, and decisions will be made at their discretion.
- Individual is awaiting COVID-19 test results.

The individual or parent must report their status to Bright Lights administration.

**What type of COVID-19 test results will be accepted?**

Only the results of a PCR Covid-19 test will be accepted.

**When is it safe for a student/staff member to return to camp?**

- If the student receives a **positive** COVID-19 test result, they should not attend and should isolate until:
  - At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared AND
  - 24 hours with no fever without fever reducing medication AND
  - Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving.
- If the student receives a **negative** COVID-19 test result or are not tested, they must still complete the 10-day quarantine from the last close contact with an infected person before returning to camp.

**If a student/staff leaves camp with COVID-19 symptoms, what happens next?**

- The camp teacher will be consulted to determine “close contact” individuals.
  - Close contact is defined by the CDC as someone who was not wearing a mask within 3-6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset or testing.
- Those individuals will be sent to the quarantine room and family will be notified.
- Those individuals will need to quarantine for 10 days and will not be able to return to camp until that time.

**What if a student has travelled outside of the country?**

**NOT VACCINATED**

- Students who have travelled internationally via airline within the past 14 days must notify Bright Lights staff. If the student is not vaccinated, they must have a PCR COVID-19 test done with negative results 3-5 days after return to the US and quarantine for 7 days. Documentation should be provided to Bright Lights staff.
- Or the student must quarantine for 10 days upon return if NOT tested.

**VACCINATED**

- Students who have travelled internationally via airline within the past 14 days who are vaccinated must have a PCR COVID-19 test done with negative results 3-5 days after return to the US. Documentation should be provided to Bright Lights staff. There is no need to quarantine.

### **Are all staff vaccinated?**

The safety of our staff and students is a top priority at Bright Lights. We encourage all eligible individuals to get vaccinated. We require all staff to follow and enforce our area's current health directives plus Bright Lights safety protocols while at camp and/or representing Bright Lights.

### **Cleaning/Disinfecting**

- All spaces will be cleaned each night and in between morning and afternoon camps (excluding full-day camps).
- Staff will wipe down areas throughout each camp.
- Buses will be wiped down and sanitized at the end of the day. Students will sit one person to a seat and leave open seats, when possible, to allow for appropriate social distancing.

### **Staff Expectations**

- Staff will report any symptoms to a Bright Lights nurse or member of the administration team (orange shirts).
- Staff will not attend if they have any COVID-19 symptoms including a fever.
- Staff will not attend if they are awaiting COVID-19 testing results.
- All staff will always wear a mask except when eating or drinking, if applicable. This applies to both indoor and outdoor activities.
- Approved masks include disposable or reusable multilayer cloth masks. Gaiters will not be allowed.
- All staff will wash their hands at every bathroom break and will hand sanitize as warranted.
- All staff will social distance whenever possible.

### **Camp Supplies**

- Whenever possible, supplies will not be shared between students or camps.

### **Other Considerations**

- Students will be kept in their camp groups whenever possible.
- Parents will not be allowed inside of the school except when requested by Bright Lights staff.
- There will be no Friday open house.

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