During this Novel Coronavirus season, many recommendations / rules are coming down from the Governor’s office, Texas Department of State Health Services, and the Local Health Departments.

The camp is run under the medical license of the medical director who answers directly to the Local Health Department and to Texas Department of State Services. The recommendations made by both the Governor’s office and the American Camp Association are general guidelines using current knowledge and best practices in order to lower the risk to any campers and staff to the absolute minimum. The Governor’s office can enforce rules/regulations under emergency conditions in the state of Texas.

So far in this crisis, the above-named organizations have been in almost total agreement with their recommendations/guidelines and WRYC appreciates all the time and effort spent in coordination between the organizations to help keep the campers as safe as possible. We are trying our best to practice within the guidelines of the above-named organizations and are constantly updating our camp rules and regulations to fit the changing environment of the COVID19 season.

**TAKE NOTICE:** Regulations that are new this year and need specific attention (this is not close to an exhaustive list).

1) No sick campers/staff will be admitted to camp. It is up to the medical personnel at camp and the medical director to make sole determination of the health of these individuals.

2) There will be no visitors at camp. Once the camp has started, only emergency contact will be allowed between campers/staff and outsiders at the sole discretion of the medical director / camp administrator.

3) If your child is determined to be sick/a risk to other campers, all efforts will be made to have the patient assessed in a medical facility nearby (usually Crosbyton or Lubbock). This will be coordinated with the medical personnel and the medical director.

4) IF YOUR CHILD is determined to need to go home, the parent/guardian has a maximum of 8 hours to retrieve the child from the camp. We will be in direct contact with the parent/guardian to help facilitate this.

5) If a parent or guardian does not agree to these arrangements, the camper is not allowed to be at WRYC for this year.

6) If anyone in a camper’s family is diagnosed with COVID while the camper is at camp, they must call the camp immediately at 806-473-8683 to alert the camp that a possible infection is present. Children often have no symptoms of COVID even if they have it, so we need to rely on family information to stratify risk to the other campers.

7) AT ANY TIME, if a positive case is found at camp, the small cohort that the positive person is in can be quarantined at camp and testing initiated. If in the medical director’s or health department’s assessment, it is felt that the cases cannot be contained, the entire cohort can be sent home or in extreme cases the entire camp session will be dismissed and a very thorough disinfection process will be initiated at camp.

8) While we feel we have made every effort to follow all guidelines above, we cannot absolutely protect all individuals if a positive or asymptomatic “spreader” penetrates the bubble we are making at camp, so please understand we are doing this to try to make this the safest camp for your child and we ask for your assistance in this effort.

Thank you for your assistance with this effort. Jeffrey W Hannel MD