***Camp Mak-A-Dream - Fall 2021***

**COVID Protocols, Mitigation Strategies & Your Participation**

We are beyond thrilled to be offering our scheduled adult retreats IN PERSON this fall! But in order to do so and ***for the overall health and well-being of the entire Camp community, we NEED YOUR HELP, understanding and cooperation!*** As we begin to hold in-person programs once again, we do so asking that you assist us by abiding by Camp protocol and COVID-19 mitigation strategies.

Mitigation strategies and protocols with regard to COVID-19 may be subject to change up to the time of, and even during, your stay at Camp Mak-A-Dream.

**CDC – COVID-19 information**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

**CDC – Current recommendations, restrictions, vaccine information, masking guidelines & more** (State of Montana)

<https://covid19.mt.gov/>

**CDC – Travel info link**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>

**CDC – Gatherings and Events**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/considerations-for-events-gatherings.html>

**Camp Mak-A-Dream advises and requests that anyone who has tested positive for, come into** [**close contact**](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/public-health-recommendations.html) **with someone who is positive or is exhibiting** [**symptoms**](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html) **of COVID-19 STAY HOME and NOT attend Camp.**

VACCINES – We strongly recommend that everyone attending Camp be fully vaccinated (with all recommended vaccines, including COVID-19), however, Montana law does not currently allow Camp to require vaccination by any individual. There may also be additional or different protocols during Camp sessions, for individuals who *are* vaccinated and for those who *are not* vaccinated.

DISTANCING, MASKING & MITIGATION strategies – **Camp continues to monitor, update and follow protocols and mitigation strategies based on CDC guidance, as well as industry best practices and will be requiring that all individuals on campus (participants/staff/volunteers/visitors) wear masks during the retreat regardless of vaccination status. All members of the Camp community will be required to wear a mask when indoors, other than while eating/drinking at meals, while outdoors and distanced or while in the pool, shower or while sleeping within your cabin’s sleeping room. Camp also encourages masks also be worn outdoors, especially when distancing is not possible or you are interacting with individuals outside of your cohort/camp group.**

**Masks will also be required to be worn by everyone (vaccinated or unvaccinated) within Camp vehicles,** including transportation to/from the airport, any off-campus trips and needed transportation for medical care off site.

**Distancing measures will also be in place and enforced throughout the retreat. Anyone NOT abiding by Camp policies/procedures may be asked to leave.**

Camp protocols and procedures may vary between now and when you actually attend Camp for even vaccinated individuals, thus we ask you to please refer to ongoing alterations in CDC guidelines (link provided above) and appreciate your willingness to abide by whatever protocols and procedures are in place at the time of the retreat.

Enhanced cleaning practices will be in place and supplies will be available throughout campus for touch-up cleaning as well.

Camp encourages frequent hand-washing (minimum of 20 seconds or more) for everyone on campus. Please refer to posted signage around campus for hand-washing recommendations.

HOUSING & COHORT ‘CABIN/POD’ GROUPS –

Participants will each be assigned to a cabin on campus where they will be required to sleep throughout the retreat. Cabin groups (also known as Cohorts or Pods) may also be used for seating at meals, travel-transportation and attending activities. While we appreciate that you may have ‘friends’ that you would like to stay with, however, we are not able to accept roommate requests this year due to the logistics of COVID-19 operating protocols.

**Camp discourages interaction with others, outside of your cabin/cohort group, unless physical distancing is possible and masks are worn by all parties. Camp asks that everyone respect and abide by these guidelines throughout their stay at Camp Mak-A-Dream for the overall health and well-being of the Camp community.**

MEALS & SNACKS– seating will be in ‘pods’ or by cabin while dining. Meals will either be pre-plated by our kitchen staff or put out buffet style with all items being served by kitchen staff. Tables will be marked by cabin and we ask that you please sit within your cabin table(s) for all meals.

ACTIVITIES – for some activities we may need to do rotations of smaller groups, others you may need to reserve a time to attend, or capacity may be limited during a given time period.

INDOOR vs OUTDOOR – physical distancing will be enforced whenever possible and you may be asked to sit with your cohort group, especially for indoor activities. Exceptions to this may be made while outdoors and when physical distancing is possible, but will be altered according to current CDC recommendations for masking.

TRAVEL/TRANSPORTATION – masking mandates on US airlines are set to be removed mid-September 2021, however, please refer to the link above for current travel recommendations and requirements. Regardless of this change, Camp requires that all participants wear masks during travel between the airport and the Camp facility.

**We appreciate your understanding and abiding by these protocol guidelines during and while traveling to & from Camp for the health and well-being of our entire community.**

**Anyone who does attend Camp and is either showing symptoms or is known to have been in closed contact with someone with COVID-19 may be required to isolate (on or off campus), be tested, and may be asked to leave campus and not return. Please be aware that this may also require a hotel stay and/or changes to your travel plans in getting back home. Any and all costs associated with such things will be the sole responsibility of the participant(s).**

**Camp Mak-A-Dream also reserves the right to ask anyone not abiding by Camp protocols, procedures or mitigation strategies to leave campus and be removed from remaining retreat activities. Any costs associated with such actions will also be the sole responsibility of the individual violating Camp policy.**

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