



2021 Summer Leadership Conference

Health & Safety Plan and In Person Guidelines
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LMTI is a program of Partners in Prevention.



WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO GATHER TOGETHER AGAIN AT YMCA CAMP MASON.

Now, more than ever, youth need the opportunity to connect. High school students have lost so much during the course of the COVID-19 pandemic. At LMTI, we are dedicated to providing an experience that will help New Jersey youth start the 2021-2022 school year with a renewed sense of stability and confidence.

Even though we are eager to return to our overnight experience, after careful review of CDC and NJ State guidelines regarding youth summer camps, we feel that at this point, providing a hybrid conference (with one in person day and three virtual days) is the most practical option for all.

Although we will only be spending one day together in person, the safety of our participants, volunteers, and staff is of the utmost concern to us. Read on to learn more about the safety protocols and procedures that the Lindsey Meyer Teen Institute will follow during the 2021 Summer Leadership Conference. These protocols are based upon CDC and NJ State guidelines, and we are working closely with YMCA Camp Mason to ensure that all health and safety standards are adhered to during the in person portion of our conference.

We want to make certain that all attendees feel safe during their time with us. Should you have ANY questions regarding our COVID-19 safety procedures, please do not hesitate to contact me at rtaylor@pipnj.org.

Looking forward to a great experience!



Rachel Taylor, LMTI Director

BEFORE THE CONFERENCE

Health & Safety Overview Sessions

Prior to the start of the conference, the LMTI Staff will provide both live and pre-recorded online sessions to review all of the health and safety protocols detailed in this booklet. Adult advisors and parents are encouraged to attend or view and ask any questions they may have.

Staff Training and Orientation

In addition to training that volunteer and full time staff typically receive, all on site staff will receive extensive training regarding health and safety protocols detailed in this booklet. This includes extra training on noticing signs and symptoms of illness, how to teach proper hand hygiene, and how to plan activities to encourage social distancing.

To minimize exposure risk, only staff who have been fully vaccinated at the time of the conference will be permitted to stay overnight prior to the start of the conference to help with preparations.

COVID-19 Symptoms

For the safety of all volunteers, staff, and participants, if any adult or youth participant who is not vaccinated experiences any of the following symptoms 24 hours or less prior to the start of the conference, they will not be permitted to attend the in person conference at Camp Mason:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If you have recently had or have been exposed to COVID-19, please follow CDC Guidelines regarding whether or not you should attend the conference, found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html>



VACCINATIONS

LMTI is an organization of Partners in Prevention, which is a public health agency. As such, we **strongly recommend** that all participants who are able to receive a vaccination against COVID-19 do so prior to attending the LMTI Summer Leadership Conference. If you need assistance making an appointment or finding a vaccination site, please contact us at 201-558-2264 or visit pipnj.org/vaccine



DURING THE CONFERENCE

Registration & Health Screening

Upon arrival, all adult and youth participants will be screened by our Health Staff. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 or higher or with any COVID-19 symptoms will not be permitted to stay at the conference. If these symptoms develop during the day, the participant will be removed from activities and they must be picked up from camp by a parent/guardian.

All staff will undergo these same health screenings on each day of their time at camp.

Action Group Cohorts

Action Groups consist of the individuals who are attending the conference together from the same school or community. Action Groups will participate in all activities of the day together, including meals. Action Group sizes will be limited to 20 people. If an Action Group has more than 20 people, they will be split into two cohorts during large group activities and General Sessions.

General Sessions

All General Sessions will be held in the pavilion with the walls open (weather permitting). Action Groups will sit at assigned tables. Masks must be worn by all participants, Advisors, and staff while inside the pavilion. The only exception to this is that the presenter who is on stage may be unmasked (tables will be at least 6 feet from the stage).

Action Group Sessions

All Action Group sessions will take place outdoors (weather permitting) in assigned locations. Individuals may remove their masks when they are outdoors with their Action Group and at least 6 feet from other groups.

In the event of inclement weather, all Action Group sessions will take place indoors in assigned locations and all staff and participants, including those who are vaccinated, must wear masks.

Meals

All meals will be eaten with Action Groups at Action Group sites. Masks may be removed during these times. It is recommended that participants socially distance themselves from one another any time during which masks are not being worn.

Cleaning

There will be enhanced and increased cleaning procedures in place this summer. High touch surfaces will be cleaned multiple times throughout the day. All participants will receive their own supplies in order to eliminate the necessity for sharing. All participants will be asked to wash or sanitize their hands prior to each change in activity.

FACE COVERINGS

Indoor Sites + Pavilion

Face coverings will be worn by all youth participants, volunteers, and staff times when indoors or in the Pavilion.

Outdoor Sites

Individuals may remove their masks when they are outdoors with their Action Group and at least 6 feet from other groups.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION...

The LMTI guidelines were adapted based upon the following recommendations:

**United States Department of Health and Human Services
Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Guidelines**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html?fbclid=IwAR0z7h9ib5yEfPY4dPo-qiw6eEvdNRpQRUEMZY-zqDVod31uYkNhaAypBNQ>

CDC Guidance for Operating Youth and Summer Camps: Readiness and Planning Tool

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/camp-planning-tool.pdf>

NJ State Department of Health (DOH) Youth Camp Standards Guidelines

<https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/documents/phss/2021%20Youth%20Camp%20Standards%204-28-21.pdf>

YMCA Camp Mason Opening Plan

<https://campmason.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021-Camp-Mason-Overnight-Camp-Opening-Plan.pdf>



QUESTIONS

Our goal is to make sure that all participants feel comfortable and safe during their time at the LMTI Summer Leadership Conference. If you have any questions at all regarding health and safety, please do not hesitate to contact us!



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These guidelines are subject to change as federal and state guidelines evolve over the summer. We will do our best to keep you updated on any adjustments, and we recommend that you visit our website, **njlmti.org**, for the latest announcements.

