



## 2021 Health Guidelines

### MISSION STATEMENT:

MVP Basketball Camp is a nonprofit organization affording youth from all backgrounds the opportunity to build basketball and life skills in a fun-filled environment that celebrates diversity.

### HISTORY:

Since inception in 1994, more than 25,000 children have attended MVP basketball Camp and more than 6,000 have received full scholarships. No deserving child has ever been turned away simply due to an inability to afford camp tuition.

### HEALTH MESSAGE:

Using guidelines from New York State's "Reopening New York, Day Camp Program Guidelines", we have developed safety protocols to keep our campers and employees safe this summer. What follows are our new safety procedures and protocols that will allow us to run camp this summer in a safe and enjoyable manner.

### WHY ARE WE REOPENING:

Last summer, we could not hold basketball camp. Thousands of children were deprived the opportunity to play in a safe and enjoyable environment. There was so much that we did not know about the COVID-19 virus. As school and club sports successfully opened this spring following local and state health guidelines, many families became more comfortable with the safety measures required by New York State. The demand for the normalcy of summer camps and the guidelines from New York State have allowed us to prepare for a safe summer of basketball.

This summer our children need to get outside and away from the computer screen. Returning to camp will improve their social, mental, and emotional health. The benefits of outdoor exercise, team bonding, skill development, character building, and self-confidence are essential to our children's health and wellness.



## HERE'S HOW THIS LOOKS DURING A TYPICAL DAY AT MVP BASKETBALL CAMP:

- **DROP OFF:** Before campers get out of their car, an MVP employee will take their temperature. All employees will be wearing masks. If temperature is 100.4 or higher, camper will not be allowed in camp. Parents, please be patient if there is a line. ALL CAMPERS should have a mask for camp.
  - **PRE\_CAMP:** Some campers will be dropped off before 9 am. Campers will report to their age-assigned baskets. We will limit 8 campers to each basket with a maximum of four balls. Campers must stay at their assigned baskets. No 1v1 play at this time.
  - **ATTENDANCE & WARM-UPS:** Campers will be spread across the courts within the age group and by teams. Masks for campers is optional as we are outdoors and distanced without contact.
  - **STATIONS:** One team (8-9) at a basket. Non-contact drills. Team will have its own bag of balls that they will bring with them to each station. Masks are optional as campers are outdoor and socially distanced.
  - **GAME #1:** 32-minute games. Players MUST wear masks when on the court. Campers will have 20 minutes on court with masks on (but not 20 minutes straight).
  - **TEAM COMPETITIONS:** Team stays together on their home court for these daily competitions. FTs, 3-pointer, Hot shot, 1v1(masks)
  - **LUNCH:** Staggered lunch times. Campers will eat under a tent or in the shade and will be socially distanced. Individual lunches can be purchased through Lunch With Lou or campers can bring their own.
  - **GAME #2 & #3:** 32-minute games. Players MUST wear masks when on the court. Campers will average 20 minutes on the court with masks on.
  - **DISMISSAL:** Teams return to their assigned baskets. As parents drive up, we will call campers to the pick-up area.
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## FACILITIES:

- Camp will be held outside this summer. We will not have access to the indoor gyms based on a decision by the WPCSD Board of Education.
  - We will have numerous tents set up to provide campers a break from the sun. We will also use the shade from trees to provide cooling breaks.
  - In addition to a trainer's tent, we will have one dedicated for campers who have COVID 19 symptoms and need to be quarantined until pick-up.
  - Our water stations will be manned by an MVP staffer. That individual will assist campers to refill their reusable water bottles safely.
  - Without indoor facilities, we will have to cancel camp if we know that it will rain all day. In case of rainouts, MVP will offer credit for additional days during the summer or next summer.
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## WHAT CAMPERS SHOULD BRING TO CAMP:

- Reusable water bottles are particularly useful and environmentally friendly. If you would like to bring additional drinks, please do so.
- A backpack to hold your lunch, drinks, sweat towel, slides, etc.
- Sunblock.