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Dear FFEEC Summer Camp Families,

I hope you and your families are doing well and staying healthy!

This letter is intended to detail our most up-to-date protocols for mitigating the spread of COVID-19. These measures have been put in place to help ensure the safety and well-being of your children and our staff during our programs. Many of our procedures for our programs follow the protocols we put in place for summer camp 2020 while also following the most up-to-date guidance. These protocols and procedures have been guided by the CDC, NJ DOH, and EH&E. We have participated in several webinars with doctors, nurses, and health officials to ensure that we have fully understood the procedures before designing a protocol that reflects both their recommendations and Fernbrook Farms' programs.

To begin, we will use groups (up to 20 students) to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. At Fernbrook Farms Summer Camps, our groups will be the Pollywogs, Junior Fiddleheads, Fiddleheads (4 groups), and Young Stewards. Within each group, students will be organized by age and grade as we have in years past. Each group will be able to come along with optional masks*, but they will maintain social distance from other groups. The number 20 was set forth by the NJ DOH and the use of groups allows us to only quarantine one group if we do have a positive case on campus.

Next, we continue to make changes to our facilities to ensure the continued health and safety of our camp community. There will be additional hand-washing stations and hand sanitizer placed in and around the Education Center. As well, in the event of inclement weather, each group will have a designated lightning safe space that is their own or groups will be separated by more than 6 feet in large shared lightning safe spaces.

Furthermore, we ask families & staff to do a self-screening process for 14 days prior to attending camp and continue to self-screen throughout the duration of your attendance in our programs. The self-screening form is available on our website and is for your records. We are all in this together and it is very important that we self-monitor and stay home if we are sick or experiencing even the subtlest of symptoms or have been in a high-risk environment.

In addition, our drop-off/pick-up procedures include temperature checks for all campers using our No Contact Infrared Forehead Thermometer.

We hope you understand our protocols & procedures and thank you for your cooperation. The health and safety of our campers is our priority.

Should you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to email or call me.

Thank you,

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Education Director
Summer Camp Director

*Masks will be mandatory while riding transportation.

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