

Dear families:

We are reaching out to update you on our plans to reopen in person programming for students. We are currently planning to **resume in person programming on June 1 for children under the age of 7 years old**. Reopening will require significant changes to our program and the implementation of several new policies and procedures. Because these will take some time to complete, we want to preview our timeline for you, and ask for your help to anticipate how many children we should be prepared to serve this summer.

After reading this email, if you plan to enroll in Bixby Summer, please either enroll [here](#) or reach out to Emily (EmilyA@BixbySchool.org) or Nina (NinaL@BixbySchool.org) if you would like additional information before deciding. In order for us to ensure that we are adequately prepared, **we are asking families to enroll for June camp by May 22. We can guarantee enrollment for the first 10 children.** Capacity for additional children will depend upon total enrollment.

Here is an outline of our timeline for opening:

- **May 15:** Publish summer schedule
- **May 22:**
 - Distribute final policies and procedures to all eligible families
 - Deadline to register for June. We will guarantee enrollment for the first 10 children. Capacity for additional children will depend upon total enrollment.
- **Week of May 26:** Host individual meetings with families to discuss how to welcome your child back to school and to review our COVID-19 policies and procedures
- **June 1:** Summer program begins

For those families with older siblings, we are currently awaiting approval from state and local public health officials to offer summer programming for students ages 7-14 . Until we receive that approval, we are prohibited from providing summer camp for older children. If we are able to provide programming for older students, we will grant priority for enrollment to siblings as a way to support families and reduce the number of social interactions for each family.

While some things will have to change, we look forward to offering care provided by our experienced early childhood professionals, access to outdoor play and developmentally appropriate activities throughout the day. As a preview, our updated policies and procedures will include:

- Health screenings
- Daily temperature checks for staff, families and children
- Limited access by families to our classrooms
- No family style lunch (we are assessing whether we can provide a lunch program)
- Mandatory exclusion if Covid symptoms are present
- Masks worn by staff; encouraged for use by children
- Students maintained in stable, small groups of students (10 or less)

- Limit use of physical spaces throughout the building

We want camp to happen as much as you do and we believe that this summer could be the most important camp season in our camper's lives. With their increased levels of stress and anxiety, face-to-face social interaction in a fun and caring community that empowers agency for campers has never been so needed. Although Bixby Summer camp will be different from the summer programming we had originally envisioned, we are embracing this challenge to ensure that summer camp continues to be fun, special and safe for everyone.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions, concerns or ideas.

Emily and Nina