Communicable Disease Plan
Montrose Bible Conference

Before You Attend

- Staff and guests/campers should not come to Montrose Bible Conference (MBC), and must notify Conference officials if they or their families become sick with COVID-19 symptoms, test positive for COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone with symptoms or a confirmed or suspected case.

- Educate staff, campers, and their families about when they should stay home and when they can return to camp.

- Actively encourage employees and campers who are sick or have recently had a close contact with a person with COVID-19 to stay home. Develop policies that encourage sick employees to stay at home without fear of reprisal, and ensure employees are aware of these policies.

- Employees and campers should stay home if they have tested positive for or are showing COVID-19 symptoms.

- Employees who have recently had a close contact with a person with COVID-19 should also stay home and monitor their health.

- Sick staff members or guests/campers must not return to camp until they have met CDC’s criteria to discontinue home isolation.

Daily Health Screenings

- We will conduct daily health screenings of both guests, campers and staff including temperature check and COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough and shortness of breath).

- For any guest/camper or staff member that exhibits a fever of 100.4 or greater or multiple COVID-19 symptoms, admittance to MBC will be denied for that day. We recommend that you immediately follow up with your health care provider for instructions on how to proceed.

Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette

- Teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and increase monitoring to ensure adherence among campers and staff.

- If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol can be used.

- Encourage staff and campers to cover coughs and sneezes with their elbow or a tissue. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash and hands washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

- Staff will wear face coverings in food service areas and will wear masks when in close proximity to other staff and guests when feasible.

- Guests are encouraged to wear face masks when they cannot remain more than 6’ from others. When possible, meeting areas will be space out so that guests so not have to wear masks in teaching locations.
Developing Symptoms While at MBC

- Isolate and Transport Those Who are Sick - Immediately separate staff and guests/campers with COVID-19 symptoms (such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath) and place a face mask on the individual. Isolate the individuals by separating symptomatic individuals by at least 6 feet. Individuals who are sick must go home and or to a healthcare facility, depending on the severity of symptoms, and follow CDC guidance for caring for you or others who are sick.

- Clean and Disinfect - Close off areas used by a sick person and do not use these areas until after cleaning and disinfecting them (for outdoor areas, this includes surfaces or shared objects in the area, if applicable). Wait at least 24 hours before cleaning and disinfecting. If 24 hours is not feasible, wait as long as possible. Ensure safe and correct use and storage of cleaning and disinfection products.

Returning to MBC

The CDC outlines two approaches in deciding whether someone should discontinue home isolation: symptom-based strategy or a test-based strategy:

A. Symptom-Based Strategy: Staff or guest/camper can return to MBC only if:
   - It has been at least 3 days (72 hours) of having no fever without use of fever-reducing medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms;
   - It has been at least 10 days since the symptoms first appeared; and
   - The staff or guest/camper has consulted with a healthcare provider and state or local health department. A written physician’s clearance will be required for re-admittance to MBC.
   OR

B. Test-Based Strategy: Staff or camper can return to MBC only if:
   - They no longer have a fever without the use of fever-reducing medications;
   - Their respiratory symptoms have improved;
   - They have received two negative tests in a row, at least 24 hours apart; and
   - They have consulted with a healthcare provider. A written physician’s clearance will be required for re-admittance to MBC.

Upon Return to MBC:

- Health screenings will continue to be performed on a daily basis.

- When returning to MBC, staff or guest/camper will be instructed to self-monitor for symptoms and alert the MBC staff if symptoms return.
Notification of Health Officials and Close Contacts

● In accordance with state and local laws and regulations, we will notify local health officials and families immediately of any case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality.

● We will advise those who have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 to stay home, self-monitor for symptoms, and follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop.

● Our programs will proceed under guidance from state & federal health agencies.

Designated COVID-19 Point of Contact

The Executive Director will be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns. All camp staff and guest families can contact him at 570-278-1001. The Executive Director or his designee will be the only one to communicate with media.