

GSP 2021 – COVID Protocol Parent Acknowledgement Form

The Good Samaritan Project 2021 will be unique. With the COVID-19 pandemic almost over yet still very much a reality, GSP 2021 will hope to strike a middle ground that will both keep 250 people safe and yet allow for some relaxing of restrictions. While government leaders are loosening many restrictions, the CDC still warns about the high-risk nature of large indoor gatherings like GSP. Therefore, GSP 2021 will have the following protocols in place:

1. Quarantining 10 days prior to GSP, or at least avoiding large groups and gatherings with non-family members, is not required but highly encouraged. COVID testing is not required but recommended if you have been in a high-risk situation within 10 days of the start of GSP.
2. GSP will provide one medical mask per person per day and will have more on hand as needed. Participants are welcome and even encouraged to bring their own masks from home (there will not be opportunity to clean masks so plan to bring enough for each day).
3. GSP will ensure that all rooms and facilities are cleaned regularly each day and with proper COVID measures based on CDC and diocesan guidelines.
4. Parents will not be allowed in the building: registration and pick up will take place outside and in staggered fashion at Bishop McLaughlin.
5. In previous years, we have slept between 15-20 students per classroom. For 2021, our goal will be to fit between 8-12 students per classroom. Our hope is that each parish or school group will be able to fill a classroom with only their students. However, for smaller groups this may not be possible and we may have to combine two groups to fill a classroom. These small groups of 8-12 will be referred to as your "household" for the week.
6. In the mornings, participants will wear a mask to go to their household's assigned bathroom to get changed, but then must return to their classroom until directed (no hanging out in hallways).
7. GSP Staff will come around to take temperatures and perform a daily symptom check; once a household is cleared, that entire household is dismissed together to the cafeteria for breakfast.
8. Breakfast will be at assigned tables by household and spread out across cafeteria and other assigned rooms for dining. Masks do not have to be worn while sitting at the table but participants are encouraged to wear them when not actively eating.
9. Because it is in the auditorium, masks will be required at our twenty-minute morning session. Participants will sit in parish groups in the auditorium: groups will be spread out and in designated areas, and given a different spot each day.
10. All participants must wear masks on the bus, spread out as much as possible. We will limit the number of people on each bus.
11. Service will be mostly outdoors. When serving outside, participants do not have to wear masks but we still recommend social distancing. If you interact with clients or come inside to cool off, masks should be worn.
12. After service ends, you will return to BMCHS via bus for showers with staggered times by parish group, and with socially distanced lines.
13. During rec time in the afternoons, GSP will provide for outdoor opportunities under tents, as well as socially distant indoor activities. If masks are worn, some gym games and other indoor activities will be allowed, e.g. volleyball, basketball, etc. This year only, we will allow household groups to hang out in their classrooms (no masks) with their chaperone moderators. We will even provide some classroom game options.
14. Masks will be required for the full 40 minutes at Mass. We will limit music at Mass.

15. After Mass, teens will be dismissed to either dinner or parish group discussion time (“parish time”). Groups will alternate each day going first to dinner or parish time. Same rules for breakfast apply to dinner.
16. Masks will be required for the beginning of our evening program (entering the auditorium, games, singing). Masks will be required as we dismiss by parish group. Masks will be optional during the remainder of the time during the program.
17. During evening snack time, participants will sit at their assigned table by household spread out across cafeteria and other assigned rooms. Participants do not have to wear a mask while sitting at the table, but are encouraged to wear them when not actively eating.
18. Each household will have an assigned bathroom for preparing for bed. When in bathrooms, participants must wear masks except for brushing teeth or washing face.
19. If a participant must use the restroom in the middle of the night, please use the closest restroom regardless of where your assigned bathroom is located. Try to wear a mask.
20. If at any point you are in someone else’s classroom, we reserve the right to send you home.
21. If anyone in your household (sleeping in the same classroom) shows any COVID symptoms at any point during the week:
 - a) That entire household will be asked to leave GSP to get tested for COVID.
 - b) No one in that household will be allowed to return to GSP until they can show proof of a negative COVID test.
 - c) If any individual in that household receives a positive COVID test, *the entire household will be asked to stay home.*
22. Regardless of time missed or if you have been sent home, there are no financial refunds for GSP for any reason after June 18, 2021. If your child tests positive for COVID between June 7-18, we will provide a full refund with proof of a positive test. However, we will not be able to provide any refunds after June 18.

I, the parent of _____, have read the above protocols and agree to them. I have discussed the above protocols with my child and she/he agrees to adhere to them throughout the Good Samaritan Project 2021. I understand that failure to abide by them could result in my child’s being sent home before the end of the program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____