



## Center for FaithJustice WorX 2021 COVID-19 Update

As we begin to prepare for our rescheduled programs as well as the 2021 summer WorX season, our team at the Center for FaithJustice is mindful of the challenges that we will be facing in these uncertain times. We want to reiterate that safety has been and will remain our top priority! We will not host programs unless it is safe to do so for our participants, volunteers, staff, along with our host sites and those they serve.

Based on what we know today (winter 2021), and following the recommendations and guidelines of our partners and neighboring school districts, CFJ plans to run its WorX and NeXt Level programs in 2021. We will implement the following safety measures for all planned programs:

- Masks will be mandatory at all times unless engaging in an activity that requires otherwise (sleeping, eating, showering, etc.)
  - Neck gaiters are not allowed
- Daily temperature checks for both staff and students
- Consistent hand washing and sanitizing of shared spaces
- Physical distancing between “pods” as much as possible (see below)
- Emphasizing outdoor time, weather permitting, for large group activities, eating, and community time

These are discussed below in greater detail along with some “Frequently Asked Questions.”

As always, we will ask for parent cooperation in this process. If your child is sick, experiencing COVID symptoms, or has come in contact with someone who has COVID prior to a scheduled program, please refrain from sending them. We will work with you to find an alternative for them to participate. It is in the best interest of all involved that we protect ourselves and one another. Thank you!



## What if my child's rescheduled program is unable to happen as planned?

In the event that our rescheduled programs (programs that were postponed from summer 2020) are not able to happen, you will have the ability to credit your money toward a summer 2021 program. With questions or for more information, please contact Lauren Borowick ([lborowick@faithjustice.org](mailto:lborowick@faithjustice.org)).

## What protocols will be in place?

While it is hard to predict what the spring and summer will look like in terms of COVID-19 and required safety measures, we have learned a great deal from "back to school" this fall and remain committed to implementing the best known practices for ensuring a safe program season. In addition to the measures outlined above, we will also be reducing the volume of participants in our rooms and on our programs overall, require daily temperature checks and mask-wearing, eating outside as much as possible and keeping students in pods that will limit their exposure. Participants will be asked to wash hands for 20 seconds frequently and maintain physical distancing when possible.

## What is a pod?

In the past, on a typical JusticeworX program, students would be assigned with different groups of students and individuals during their experience to expose them to diversity of perspectives and encourage new friendships. We call these van groups, family groups, and service groups.

Due to COVID-19, we think that it is best for students to be assigned to one pod with one core group of students instead of intermingling. While we will still have large group discussions and activities, their pod will be limited to the other students and staff member(s) with whom they are spending the majority of their time. This means that the van group will be the same as the service group will be the same as the family group - all with a consistent staff member.

## How will you handle sleeping arrangements?

Since rescheduled programs have smaller amounts of students, we are confident that we will be able to ensure proper distancing during the day and ample distancing at night. Our Trenton campus has more than enough space to function at a reduced capacity: we will assign two students to a room that would typically accommodate four. In Dunlow, we are reserving additional space to allow us to be able to spread out, especially for the overnights.



## What happens if a student gets sick?

If while on our program, a student has a fever or another symptom of COVID-19, they will be asked to quarantine immediately in a separate and designated space. The parent will be notified immediately.

On our Trenton program, we will ask that parents pick up the child and have them tested as soon as possible. In this way, we will know whether we need to quarantine the other members of their pod.

On our Dunlow program, we will have an extra van and a designated staff member in the event that a student does need to leave the program early due to symptoms. This staff person will transport the child home as needed.

## What if overnight programs are prohibited by state or federal mandate?

Based on other camps and summer programs that functioned this summer, we are looking at a potential day model for a JusticeworX program. We successfully held smaller day modules in our "NeXt Level" program and are confident and comfortable to be able to host something similar for JusticeworX participants.