



## Center for FaithJustice WorX 2021 COVID-19 Update

As we prepare for our 2021 summer WorX season, our team at the Center for FaithJustice is mindful of the challenges that we will be facing in these uncertain and unusual 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 (Spring 2021), and following the recommendations and guidelines of our partners and neighboring school districts, CFJ will plan to run all 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
- Prior to each trip, CFJ will require the submission of one of the following items: documentation of vaccination a negative COVID-19 test taken 1-5 days before program start date, or a physician letter clearing any prior infection of COVID-19; in addition to the completion of our COVID symptoms waiver

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!



## Do participants need to get tested before their JusticeworX program?

Based on the most recent CDC guidance, participants who are not fully vaccinated must present a negative viral test taken 1-5 days prior to the Sunday start of the program. Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 during the 3 months prior to the program start date are not required to get tested but must provide a letter from their healthcare professional stating that they may be released from quarantine. For more information on testing requirements, please reach out to Linh Nguyen ([lnghuyen@faithjustice.org](mailto:lnghuyen@faithjustice.org)).

All participants must complete a COVID questionnaire prior to arrival. This form will have a space for participants to submit either their negative COVID test results, proof of vaccination, or a written statement from their healthcare professional.

## 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, requiring daily temperature checks and mask-wearing, eating outside as much as possible and keeping participants in pods that will limit their exposure. Participants will be asked to wash hands for 20 seconds frequently and maintain physical distancing when possible. Families will also be required to complete a COVID health questionnaire prior to drop-off.

## What is a pod?

In the past, on a typical JusticeworX program, participants would be assigned with different groups of participants 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 participants to be assigned to one pod with one core group of participants instead of intermingling. While we will still have large group discussions and activities, their pod will be limited to the other participants 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?

All of our programs have reduced capacity due to COVID-19 restrictions. Our Trenton campus has been reduced to 24 from 32, Dunlow to 35 from 48. Down the Shore accommodates up to 80 people but we will be having 32 participants. If you are looking for additional information on our host locations, please email Linh Nguyen ([lnguyen@faithjustice.org](mailto:lnguyen@faithjustice.org)).

## What happens if a participant gets sick?

If while on our program, a participant 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, Down the Shore and Philadelphia programs, 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 participant does need to leave the program early due to symptoms. This staff person will transport the child home as needed.

## What is the refund policy for my child's registration fee?

Before June 1, participants will receive a full refund minus the \$100 deposit fee for cancellations. After June 1, refunds will not be given to participants who cancel their registration. If for any reason you need to cancel your registration, please contact Lauren Borowick ([lborrowick@faithjustice.org](mailto:lborrowick@faithjustice.org)).

## What happens if my child tests positive for COVID-19 prior to their program dates?

If a participant tests positive for COVID-19, before arriving at our program, we will honor a refund minus the \$100 deposit with proof of the positive test. Families also have the option to choose a later program week if there is space or rollover the registration fee to 2022.

If a participant has come in contact with someone who tests positive, and is deemed a primary contact, we will honor a refund minus the \$100 deposit, with proof of being a primary contact. Proof is considered a written documentation stating that they have been in contact with someone who has recently tested positive for COVID-19. Families also have the option to choose a later program week if there is space or rollover the registration fee to 2022.

If your child has tested positive or has been exposed to COVID-19, please contact Linh Nguyen ([lnguyen@faithjustice.org](mailto:lnguyen@faithjustice.org))