Dear Camp Families,

Old Dominion University continues to be proactive in monitoring the outbreak of the novel (new) coronavirus (COVID-19) that was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. The University remains committed to keeping the ODU community up to date with the latest virus information, including tips on staying healthy as events develop.

With COVID-19 on everyone’s mind, we wanted to let you know what steps we are taking with the Big Blue Summer Camp to ensure that we are prepared before your children arrive.

We are reviewing all of our camp protocols. This includes how campers and staff will be screened before coming to camp, our basic hygiene procedures, our building and sanitation, our plans to keep camp families informed, and additional training we will provide our staff. Based on our low staff to child ratio of 1:8 (1:10 for teens), we are in a unique position to ensure that hygiene practices are followed and that the health of our campers is monitored closely.

This is a rapidly evolving situation. However, with the start of camp months away, we are continuing our planning for summer camp as usual. The University will continue to maintain communication with the Virginia Department of Health. We will send updates to you as important new information comes to our attention in the coming weeks and months. Refunds will be granted if the camp season is canceled. We are staying optimistic that we will be able to enjoy friendship and adventure with your children this summer.

You can contact us at bigbluecamp@odu.edu if you have any questions.

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