

## **The Current Situation**

On February 17th, 2021, Governor Cuomo announced that day and overnight summer camps in New York can begin to plan for reopening in June. Although this is fantastic news there are still many unknowns as we wait for New York State and the Department of Health to issue specific reopening guidance.

## **Timeline**

The information surrounding COVID -19 is constantly changing and evolving, therefore we hope to receive guidance closer to the start of camp. If guidance was issued today, it might be more restrictive than necessary, so it actually benefits us to have the guidance released closer to summer.

## **Our Current Plan**

A healthy camp begins at home! We will be asking camp families to be partners with us in helping to start each week with a healthy group of campers. What you do before camp will contribute to our success this summer. We look forward to working with you once we know the Department of Health requirements.

Campers will still have access to all their favorite CSM program areas: waterfront, ballfield, adventure, arts & crafts and spiritual. No worries, camp traditions such as cabin time, Mass/Cross & Star, the camp store and night programs will continue. For safety, group (division) interactions among our camp community will look a little different. We are working out the numbers of campers safely allowed in each area and activity at any specific time.

Campers and staff will wear face coverings throughout most of their day, however mask breaks will be given often and when it's safe to do so. Masks will NOT be worn while campers and staff are sleeping, swimming, eating, or showering.

## **Parent/Guardian Communication**

As always, Camp Stella Maris strives to communicate with parents/guardians in a transparent, thoughtful, and thorough manner. We are committed to open dialogue and conversation with families every step of the way. All updates will be posted to our website and announced via email. As a CSM Family, we will get through this together and celebrate with an amazing summer!