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Camp Washington- Camp and Retreat Center is closely monitoring the international outbreak of a respiratory illness caused by a coronavirus first identified in Wuhan, China (COVID-19). According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as of March 3, for the general American public, who are unlikely to be exposed to this virus at this time, the immediate health risk from COVID-19 is considered low; however, the staff at Camp Washington has increased precautionary measures, training, and communication throughout the facility.

Camp Washington is closely monitoring the situation through updates from the CDC, the CT Department of Health, the American Camp Association, and advice from our Bishops in The Episcopal Church in CT (ECCT). Precautionary measures include enhancing onsite communications and signage in restrooms regarding preventative actions (outlined below), placing an increased number of hand sanitizer stations throughout the property, increasing the frequency of cleaning and disinfecting commonly touched objects, and providing ongoing training for Camp Washington staff regarding best practices for providing a safe and healthy environment.

Where can I learn more about coronavirus?

- Visit the CDC website and World Health Organization for information about symptoms, transmission, and recent cases.
- Visit the CT Department of Public Health https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus

What protective or preventative measures are in place at Camp Washington?

We are monitoring communications from public health experts to ensure we follow best practices in cleaning, food service, public safety and other relevant areas of operations. Staff receive ongoing training and updates about public health concerns. Camp Washington has increased its precautionary measures, including increasing the frequency of cleaning and disinfecting commonly touched objects such as door handles and placing prominent hand sanitizer stations throughout buildings.

How can you protect yourself?

Practice everyday precautions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.