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GLLM has been actively planning and preparing as the COVID-19 virus has become more and more a concern in the United States. **The health and welfare of our guests and staff is very important to us.** As the situation in Minnesota is rapidly changing, we wanted to update you about what steps GLLM has put in place.

We have thoroughly reviewed and updated our policies and procedures in connection to our on-site cleanliness, health guidelines, and support of guests. In addition to our already high standard cleaning practices, we have added additional disinfecting measures. These measures prioritize high traffic, common use areas of our sites, and we have ensured that our products are certified to kill the COVID-19 virus. We are actively following the guidance of the CDC and American Camp Association to assure that we are doing everything possible to implement preventive actions to slow and stop the spread of the illness on our sites.

If you have upcoming plans to be a guest at Green Lake Lutheran Ministries, your retreat leader has already been contacted this week. As we learn more, we will continue to communicate with them.

During your visit, there are some easy steps we can do together to help stop the spread of germs. We ask the following:

- **If you are feeling ill, please stay at home.**
- **If you have any reason to believe that you have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus, please stay home.**
- Wash your hands well and often. As well as anti-bacterial soap and water to wash, we now have extra hand sanitizer stations available around the buildings - please use them!
- At camp, radical hospitality is one of our core values - this means we love to give you a warm welcome during arrival! In this time of precaution, our hosts and staff will not be shaking your hand upon arrival as normal. However, they will have some fun, new non-contact ways to greet you! We encourage you to use these greetings throughout your stay.
- If you become ill while on-site, we ask you to tell a staff member immediately that you will be leaving the site so as to not pass possible infection to other guests. Please keep us updated if it is determined that you have contracted COVID-19.

This global situation is changing daily. **We are prepared to act swiftly if CDC or state agencies recommend further action.** We will update you as information becomes available. We invite you to pray with us for the health of our world as this virus impacts people in many ways.

If you have additional questions about the situation, please contact our leadership team, Travis Aufderheide or Mandy Severtson at 320-796-2181.