

COVID-19 Guidelines & Commonly Asked Questions for All Camps

At camp, we are diligently following all local and federal recommendations to promote health behaviors, environments, and operations.

At the time of registration, parents will need to complete a COVID-19 Risk Assessment Form.

WILL THERE BE TEMPERATURE SCREENINGS FOR CAMPERS AND STAFF?

No sick camper or staffer may participate in camp activities. Upon the camper's arrival each day, a staff member will use a thermometer to take each child's temperature and ask a few simple screening questions. Any camper with a fever above 100.2 degrees Fahrenheit, or two or more other symptoms, will be required to go home. The staff will be screened in the exact same way.

WHAT HAPPENS IF A CHILD OR STAFF MEMBER DEVELOPS SYMPTOMS DURING THE DAY?

If a child or staff member develops symptoms, they will be isolated immediately and required to go home until they are cleared by a doctor to return.

WILL MY CHILD BE REQUIRED TO WEAR A FACE MASK?

WE WEAR MASKS WHEN:

- Arriving and departing
- During and between all indoor activities
- Interacting closely indoors with others

WE DON'T WEAR MASKS WHEN:

- Eating or sleeping
- Participating in water activities
- Outdoor exertional activities

By limiting group sizes, screening temperatures at drop-off, increasing sanitization methods, and not allowing any mixing of small groups, children will not be required to wear masks all day (e.g., when participating in outdoor activities). Only registered campers and staff will be allowed in designated camp areas. Staff helping

with the check in and out process will be masked. We require that all campers and staff have a mask with them at all times.

WHAT ABOUT HAND WASHING AND IMPROVED HYGIENE/SANITATION?

All camp programs shall implement the following prevention and mitigation strategies to slow and limit COVID-19 exposure and spread:

- Physical distancing
- Practice recommended regular and routine handwashing practices
- Practice proper use, removal, and washing of cloth face coverings
- Provide policies and education on COVID-19 symptoms and response
- Avoid use of items that are not easily cleaned and disinfected
- Ensure adequate disinfecting of supplies and surfaces

We will have increased, routine cleaning and disinfection. Staff will be disinfecting frequently touched surfaces (e.g., door handles, sink handles, etc.) throughout the day. Groups will have their own supplies that will not be shared with other groups and that will be cleaned and disinfected throughout the day as used. Signs are posted throughout the campus to inform and remind campers and staff about best practices for preventing illness.

WHAT IF SOMEONE IS DIAGNOSED WITH A CONFIRMED OR PROBABLE CASE OF COVID-19?

Any staff or child exposed to a person diagnosed with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 may not work or attend camp until they have completed self-quarantine following the CDC guidelines. Persons who have recovered from COVID-19 must be cleared for release from isolation by a health care professional.

The local health department, as well as the parents of children in the group, will be notified immediately, and the group shall quarantine following the CDC guidelines.

Individuals may not work or attend camp until completing self-quarantine and obtaining clearance from the individual's primary care physician.

Additional Guidelines for Residential Camps

- Campers will need to either have a negative COVID test within 3 days prior to arriving or have been fully vaccinated.
- Campers will share a room with one other camper.
- Campers will avoid sharing common bathroom supplies (towels, soap, toothpaste, etc.) and must bring their own bathroom supplies and a container for toiletries to be stored in for the duration of camp (for example, a bathroom tote or a clear plastic bag labeled with their name).
- Campers will keep all clothing and belongs in bags in room, they will not unpack items.

- Campers will bring their own bedding.
- If possible, we will create at least six feet of space between beds. If utilizing head-to-toe orientation, four feet of space between beds is acceptable.
- For bunk beds, the head of the camper in the top bunk will be positioned opposite the position of the camper in the bottom bunk.
- For side-by-side beds, the head of the camper in one bed will be positioned opposite the position of the camper in the adjacent bed.

Before Residential Camp:

- If eligible, staff, volunteers, campers, and family members **should get fully vaccinated for COVID-19**. Ideally, wait 2 weeks after completing vaccination for COVID-19 before traveling to camp.
- Request that campers, their families, and camp staff follow [guidance for travelers](#) in the 14 days before camp arrival to reduce exposure to COVID-19. Ask unvaccinated campers and staff members to engage in a 2-week pre-arrival quarantine that includes physical distancing, mask-wearing when not at home, avoiding unnecessary travel, and refraining from indoor social gatherings with people outside of their households.
- Ask campers and staff who are not fully vaccinated to provide proof of a negative viral test taken no more than 1–3 days before arriving at camp. Delay arrival for campers or staff with confirmed positive test results.

MORE ON WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US-

[ACA Field Guide for Camps](#)

[CDC Suggestions for Youth & Summer Camps](#)

www.jmu.edu/stop-the-spread/index.shtml

www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/summer-camp/

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Please email us at youthprograms@jmu.edu and we'd love to answer your questions!