

2022 COVID protocols



Hello Campers!

We are so excited that we'll be seeing all of you LIVE & IN-PERSON very soon at 'Camp' Camp 2022! We're reaching out now to alert everyone who is confirmed to join us this summer about the COVID protocols & policies that will be in place, so that you can plan appropriately.

Especially during the first few days, 'Camp' Camp will probably look and feel a little different to those of you who have been with us before, as this is our first year gathering together in a world where COVID is a reality. In addition to requiring proof of vaccination this summer, we have developed some additional protocols to help reduce the risk of breakthrough cases so that we can maintain the highest level of safety during the week.

Please keep in mind that we've developed these protocols & guidelines based on current CDC recommendations and current reported COVID cases across the country. We may adjust these between now and the start of Camp as facts and recommendations from healthcare providers dictate and will keep you posted if any significant changes to what is outlined below are warranted.

- **We are requiring proof of vaccination from all Campers & Staff**, as well as our "subcontractors" (i.e., the band for Monday night's Barn Dance), so everyone on site will be fully vaccinated.
 - We do encourage all who are able to receive boosters to get them ASAP so they are at full efficacy by the time Camp rolls around. Maine is generally an area of low vaccination rates, with tourists from all over so any additional protection benefits us all.
- **Please secure some home COVID tests** if you don't already have them. You can order them for no charge online at [covid.gov/tests](https://www.covid.gov/tests).
 - We highly recommend everyone take a test prior to leaving home for 'Camp' Camp just to ensure you aren't asymptotically carrying the virus with you.
 - While we'll have rapid home tests at Camp, it'll help us out if you bring an extra box of tests to Camp with you. (More on that in a bit...)
- **We strongly encourage everyone do their best to get all your shopping, errands, etc. for Camp done a week or so before you leave for Camp so that you are minimizing contact with others in the week prior to Camp.**
 - We don't expect you to completely isolate or stay home from work, etc., but please use wise, best-practices the week prior to your departure to help limit exposure and risk of infection: wear a mask when shopping or in other public indoor venues, wash your hands frequently, etc.
- **For those of you who are travelling to Maine by air, bus, or train, we strongly recommend that you wear a mask (preferably an [N-95 mask](#)) when travelling to 'Camp' Camp**, especially on your plane, bus, or train and in crowded airports, bus/train stations, and hotel lobbies, etc. Wash your hands frequently. Wipe down frequently touched public areas with disinfectant wipes. Socially distance as much as possible.

- **For those driving to Camp, limit contact and exposure when stopping for gas and bathroom/food breaks during your drive:** wear masks indoors, socially distance as much as possible, get food to go and eat outdoors or in your car, wash your hands.
- Please remember that the first 24-48 hours after travelling is the period when your immune system is being assaulted by all of the pathogens that everyone around you is bringing with them from their travels. Therefore, while masks are not required in the state of Maine at this time, out of respect for immune-compromised Campers & Staff and erring on the side of caution when so many people will be traveling to get to Maine, **'Camp' Camp will be requiring that everyone wear a mask in all community spaces (e.g., Camp vans from Portland and in the Main Lodge, cabins/bathrooms, activity areas, etc.) up until bedtime on Sunday, August 21.**
 - If you're outside and able to socially distance, masks will not be required. However, this mask requirement *will* apply to Staff arrival day on Saturday, August 20 and Registration on Sunday, August 21 as those days are full of close contact (all those hugs!) Even outdoors, this can mean a higher risk of transmission.
 - We'll be eating our first dinner on Sunday night outside at the picnic tables instead of in the Lodge as we traditionally do. (The picnic tables will be tented for the entire week to allow open-air dining regardless of weather.) We also anticipate moving Registration and other activities that usually happen in the Main Lodge the first few days to outdoor locations as much as possible.
- **It is strongly recommended that everyone who travels to Camp by air, bus, or train take a home COVID test at Camp by mid-afternoon on Monday, August 22.** (It wouldn't hurt for everyone to do so, but we're most concerned with those who will have had the most exposure during their travels.) ... Remember those extra COVID tests we suggested you toss in your suitcase in an earlier bullet point? They'll come in handy here.
- In the spirit of 'Camp' Camp's amazing LGBTQ community—one built on love, respect, and inclusivity—you are, of course, welcome to wear a mask throughout the week (except when sleeping or swimming) if/when/where you feel the need. Your Camp community will unequivocally support you in your decision to take charge of your own health and comfort.
- Additionally, we will not be offering any Sightseeing or off-site trips or allowing Campers to leave the grounds this summer in an effort to just keep as much of a 'Camp' Camp bubble in place as possible. Drivers will still be doing errands regularly (and will be required to wear masks while doing so), so they will still be able to pick up those items you may have forgotten. Please, however, do your best to anticipate all your needs for your week at Camp prior to your arrival.

Hopefully, when everyone abides by the above protocols and acts out of an abundance of caution in the week leading up to Camp, we'll have a COVID-free week at 'Camp' Camp!

Should you not feel well and begin displaying COVID symptoms while at Camp:

1. A member of our Risk Management staff (Risk Manager or Nurse) will administer a rapid COVID test.
2. You'll be required to relocate to one of our designated isolation cabins.
3. Since rapid tests can present a high instance of false negatives, we'll also provide transportation to the local Walgreen's for a more-reliable PCR test no matter the result of

your home test. This PCR test is usually free or covered by your insurance, and results usually come back in 24 hours.

4. If your PCR results come back negative, you'll be allowed to return to your cabin to enjoy the rest of your week at Camp.
5. If the results of the PCR test confirm a positive result, you'll need to leave Camp in an effort to reduce the chance of transmission to any other Campers.
6. You'll be allowed to stay in an isolation cabin until you've secured off-site accommodations for your quarantine period. We'll help you get to where you need to go.
7. While in isolation, meals will be delivered to your cabin as you may not enter any community space or participate in any Camp activities.

If you're concerned about COVID interrupting your week at 'Camp' Camp, we do recommend you secure travel insurance that includes coverage for COVID-related cancellations, quarantine accommodation coverage, etc. Though we have not verified or personally experienced any of the policies noted here, this link offers several options for securing COVID-related coverage: www.traveloffpath.com/covid-19-travel-insurance-everything-you-need-to-know/

We all must recognize that the COVID virus is ever-evolving, very contagious, and the guidelines and protocols outlined here may not eliminate the risk of an outbreak at 'Camp' Camp. We know many people are just "over" guidelines, masks, etc. and are ready for some "normalcy" in today's crazy world; however, we take the health & safety of our Campers very seriously—it's how we support everyone at Camp having the best time ever!

Like all of Camp's other long-standing rules & regulations, **by registering to join us this summer, you are agreeing to abide by these COVID guidelines & protocols**, whether or not you agree with them. We feel strongly they are necessary to be able to produce 'Camp' Camp in as safe a manner as possible in a world where COVID is an ongoing reality.

If you have any questions or concerns about the above, please feel free to [e-mail us](#). Otherwise, we look forward to seeing you very soon (even if masks are involved)!

Regards,

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