

COVID-19 Summer Camp Guidance: Overnight Camps

In addition to the recommendations listed in the COVID-19 Summer Camp Guidance, overnight camps should also implement the following prevention strategies. For questions about this guidance or to report a COVID-19 case, please contact your [Regional OPH Office](#).

Before Camp

- All 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.
- Ask unvaccinated campers and staff members to engage in a 2-week prearrival 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 (PCR/molecular or antigen) taken no more than 3 days before arriving at camp. Delay arrival for campers or staff with confirmed positive test results.
 - Campers or staff who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the 90 days prior to camp arrival should not be tested, but should provide documentation of a positive viral test result and meet [end of isolation criteria](#) before attending camp.

During Camp

- Campers and staff should be screening for COVID-19 symptoms, as well as a known recent close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case, when entering the camp (or before boarding camp transportation).
- Upon arrival at camp, campers should be assigned to cohorts that will remain together for the entire camp session without mixing with other campers and staff in close contact circumstances.
- Consider campers and staff who are sleeping in the same space for the duration of camp as a “household cohort”. Household cohort members do not need to wear masks or physically distance when they are together without non-household cohort members nearby. When different household cohorts are using shared indoor or outdoor spaces together, continue to monitor and enforce mask use for unvaccinated participants and maintain physical distancing and healthy hygiene behaviors for everyone.
- For camp sessions that last at least one week, screening testing* should be done 3-5 days after arrival at camp. Fully vaccinated asymptomatic people without an exposure do not need screening testing.
- Conduct daily symptom checking to monitor the health and well-being of camp staff and campers during the camp session.
- When camp staff are away from camp (for example, during days off), they should engage in [low-risk activities](#). Unvaccinated staff should complete screening testing when returning after time spent away from camp.

Case Identification and Contact Tracing

- Isolate staff and campers with symptoms immediately, and refer them for viral testing. They should remain isolated until the test result is returned.
 - If the test is negative, the person should remain in isolation until they are 24 hours fever-free without fever-reducing medication and their symptoms have improved.
 - If the test result is positive, the person should remain in isolation for at least 10 days after symptoms onset, and 24 hours fever-free without fever-reducing medication, and other symptoms have improved.
- Camps should provide spaces for symptomatic and infected campers and staff to isolate on-site. Camps should also have procedures in place to help sick campers return home safely.
- Camp operators should notify the [health department](#) immediately following a positive test result, and work with health officials to identify close contacts.
 - Close contacts include everyone in the infected person's household cohort and anyone else who was within 6 feet of the infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hr period.
 - All members of the household cohort should quarantine as a cohort and be referred for testing. Fully vaccinated asymptomatic people within the household cohort should still be referred for testing, but can refrain from quarantine.
 - Close contacts should quarantine for 14 days. Options to shorten the duration of quarantine if contacts remain asymptomatic can be found [here](#).
 - Close contacts who are fully vaccinated or who were previously diagnosed with COVID-19 in the 90 days before their last exposure do not need to quarantine.
 - For fully vaccinated individuals, individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 90 days, or individuals meeting criteria for a shortened quarantine, daily symptom monitoring and strict adherence to prevention measures including social distancing, hand washing, and especially wearing masks/face coverings, should continue until the full 14 days from last contact with a COVID-19 case.

After Camp

- Campers and staff who are not fully vaccinated should get tested with a viral test 3-5 days after traveling home from camp AND stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel. Fully vaccinated people do not need to be tested or self-quarantine after camp unless they are experiencing symptoms.

***Screening Testing**

- CDC funding is available to support the use of screening testing as a strategy to identify cases and prevent secondary transmission. Screening testing is intended to identify infected people without symptoms (or before development of symptoms) who may be contagious so that measures can be taken to prevent further transmission. Screening testing supplies or services are available for K-12 students attending summer camps. For further information, please contact Diné Butler with the Louisiana Office of Public Health: K-12COVIDtesting@la.gov.