



Potential COVID Testing Patterns for Summer Camp Consideration (2021)*
(As of April 2021)

Camp Type	Camper (C) Duration of Stay	Staff (S) Duration of Stay	Screening & Testing Considerations	Testing Pre-Camp¹ C=camper; S= staff	Arrival C=camper; S= staff	Development of Symptoms	Exposure Testing ^{1,2} (Use Guidance from Public Health)
Day Camp	Return Daily	Return Daily	Test at Start of camp season and weekly thereafter as best practice 14-day Pre-Screen	PCR within 1 week prior to start of camp season		Isolate & PCR test (Antigen ³ test with clinical guidance)	Quarantine & PCR or Antigen at day 4-5 post-exposure
Residential	7 days or less	Full Season	14-day Pre-Screen	(C, S) PCR or Antigen test 3-5 days prior to arrival	(C, S) PCR test 5 days after arrival	Isolate & PCR test (Antigen test with clinical guidance)	Quarantine: C-test when return home: S- PCR or antigen test 4-5 days post-exposure
Residential	Greater than 1 week	Full Season	14-day Pre-screen	(C, S) Test with PCR or Antigen 3-5 days before arrival	(C, S) PCR test 5 days after arrival	Isolate & PCR test (Antigen test with clinical guidance)	Quarantine & PCR or Antigen at day 4-5 post-exposure
Rental Group (Not Families)	7 days or less	7 days or less	14-day Pre-screen	(C, S) PCR or Antigen test 3-5 days before arrival		Isolate & PCR test (Antigen test with clinical guidance)	Quarantine; test when return home
Family Camps	7 days or less	Full Season	14-day Pre-screen for staff	PCR or antigen for each family member within 5 days of arrival		Isolate & PCR test (Antigen test with clinical guidance)	Quarantine; C- test when return home; Staff: PCR or Antigen at day 4-5 post-exposure
						If antigen test is negative, follow with a PCR test	If antigen test negative, follow with a PCR test for exposure testing



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*** These testing considerations are provided with the idea that camps will also be using all available nonpharmaceutical interventions at camp to mitigate risk and that camps are following the guidelines of their state public health officials.**

1. Take into account the amount of time it will require to receive results from testing.
2. Exposure is defined as people who have had [close contact](#) (within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more) with someone with confirmed COVID-19 (CDC.gov).
3. Antigen testing may be affected by local rates of COVID-19 transmission. If antigen testing is being used, work in collaboration with knowledgeable health care provider(s).

For individuals who have received the full vaccination for COVID-19:

- These individuals do not need to be tested prior to camp; only if symptoms develop.
- These individuals do not need to quarantine if exposed to COVID-19 (CDC April 2021).
- These individuals should not test positive on a PCR or antigen test but should have positive antibodies on an antibody test.
- Vaccinated individuals should continue to use the full slate of NPIs at camp as we currently do not have adequate information about potential transmission risk to others after being vaccinated.
- Contact your state public health officials if you have questions regarding testing and vaccinations as they apply to camp in your state.

CDC.gov: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html>

CDC.gov: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/testing-overview.html>

FDA.gov: <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-covid-19-and-medical-devices/faqs-testing-sars-cov-2>

Campnurse.org: <https://campnurse.org/education-and-resources/covid-19-considerations-for-camp/cdc-recommendations-for-camps-covid-19/>