



## Considerations for Fully Vaccinated Camp Staff

*Summer 2021*

ACN strongly recommends encouraging all camp staff to be vaccinated prior to summer 2021. Most camps are reluctant to mandate vaccinations, but some camps are using language such as “*We will have a preference for vaccinated staff for the safety of our camp community*” or “*We strongly encourage our staff to be fully vaccinated for individual and community safety.*” Some camps are being proactive in making arrangements for staff to receive vaccinations once they arrive at camp if they arrive unvaccinated. Here are some recommendations from ACN regarding vaccination and camp.

1. Follow your state and local guidance regarding vaccination as their requirements may also impact vaccination decisions for camp staff.
2. Include COVID-19 vaccination status on the health history. ACN has COVID Health History Addendums available on their website ([campnurse.org](http://campnurse.org)) that outlines helpful questions to consider asking as part of your health history.
3. Ask staff if they are fully vaccinated and request a copy of the vaccination certificate. Every individual who has been vaccinated to date has received a vaccination card for proof of vaccination status. Knowing vaccination statistics for the camp population will be important to the local health department, especially if there are COVID cases at camp.

### **CDC guidance for fully vaccinated people** (*April 2021*)

- Vaccinated people may travel, and do not have to quarantine once they reach their destination. Camps who have a mix of vaccinated and unvaccinated staff may still choose to quarantine all staff once staff are on site to encourage a sense of community, but if all staff are fully vaccinated this will lift quarantine requirements.
- Small groups of fully vaccinated staff are allowed to gather indoors without masks or physical distancing. This allows small groups of fully vaccinated staff to be indoors in a work environment or join together for meals, and fully vaccinated staff may travel in a car or van without masks.
- Fully vaccinated people do not need testing unless they have COVID-19 symptoms.

These guidelines are helpful as they provide more flexibility for staff to work together (e.g. maintenance staff, office staff, food service staff), allow staff to be together for vehicular travel (errands, or to remote places on camp property), and share a meal together. Staff who are fully vaccinated will have more flexibility to be together indoors which will be advantageous for the work of camp. Having fully vaccinated staff is a positive step towards camps operating at full capacity.

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\* For the purposes of this guidance, people are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19  $\geq 2$  weeks after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or  $\geq 2$  weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson).

**CDC Guidance for Fully Vaccinated People**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>