



CDC Guidance for Summer Camps

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ACN wants to support our membership by responding to some key questions regarding the updated guidance. Please review the guidance (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html>) prior to these FAQs in order to gain the most clarity.

1. Can camps sing outdoors?

Yes – singing would best be accomplished outdoors with individuals 6 feet apart from one another and without mixing cohorts. Masks would not be required if using these prevention strategies.

2. If vaccinated staff are working with different cohorts, do they need to wear a mask?

Yes – even though the staff are vaccinated, many of the campers may not be vaccinated and therefore masking is an important prevent activity to minimize risks between cohorts.

3. Should camps continue to do screening activities?

Vaccinated staff do not have to do pre-camp COVID screening, but all individuals (staff and campers) should have an arrival screening for general health status, injury status, and medication collection.

4. If most of the campers in a cohort are vaccinated, do they still need to mask to protect the unvaccinated?

At residential camps, the CDC guidance states that household cohort members do not need to wear masks or physically distance when they are together without non-household cohort members nearby.

At day and residential camps, masks are strongly encouraged for people who are not fully vaccinated for indoor activities. For outdoors, people do not generally need to wear masks. However if the outdoor settings are crowded and/or there can be sustained contact between individuals who are not fully vaccinated, you should consider masking.

The CDC guidance states that campers may also choose to continue to require masks for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals in order to adhere to prevention strategies or to set an example for not fully vaccinated campers/staff.

5. Do vaccinated staff have to test or quarantine?

Vaccinated individuals only need to be tested if they develop symptoms of COVID-19. They do not have to test before camp arrival or if they are exposed to someone with COVID and remain asymptomatic.

Vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine if exposed to someone with COVID-19 if they remain asymptomatic.

6. Can staff go offsite during their time off?

Vaccinated staff can go offsite but we encourage participation in “safe activities”.

Unvaccinated staff can go offsite but should participate in “safe activities” and use all prevention measures (masking, distancing, hand hygiene)

7. Can campers participate in offsite field trips?

If taking campers offsite, but sure to follow the CDC transportation guidance. Choose offsite activities that are safe (hiking, parks, outdoor, uncongested)

8. Can we have visitors or volunteers at camp this year?

The CDC guidance states: Unless fully vaccinated, limit any nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations.

Please also consider that in allowing one family onsite, there is a risk that other families will want to visit and include parents, siblings (unvaccinated), and potentially others who increase the risk for camp.

9. Can unvaccinated staff mix with vaccinated staff?

Unvaccinated individuals will need to use all helpful prevention strategies (masking, distancing) when they interact with others. Vaccinated staff can be indoors with other vaccinated staff, unmasked, and not distanced from one another.

10. Can we ask individuals about their vaccination status?

Yes – you should ask who is vaccinated (make copy of vaccination card), partially vaccinated, and unvaccinated. This information will be important if you have a case of COVID at camp. The public health officials will want to know who is the greatest risk for transmission in your congregate setting.

11. Do vaccinated staff need to wear a mask?

According to the CDC guidance, camp programs, where everyone is not fully vaccinated, should continue layering multiple prevention strategies to protect people who are not vaccinated. Vaccinated staff would not need to mask in their cohort and living with their cohort with no other non-cohort people around; if outside and greater than 6 feet apart from other; or when interacting with other fully vaccinated staff with no unvaccinated staff around.

12. Can everyone at camp remove their mask after a PCR test around day 5 and everyone testing negative?

The CDC does not recommend removal of masks based on one testing event. Testing is one tool to help identify potential COVID-19 but is not a perfect strategy. Therefore, we encourage camps

to continue to use the prevention strategies (masking, distancing, cohorting, hand hygiene) as appropriate at camp.

Feel free to reach out to ACN with additional questions. We are here to serve you – our membership – as you prepare for a great summer 2021!