

## **Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19): Guidance for Summer Camps**

This guidance is for summer camp programs providing services during Spring/Summer 2021. This guidance is intended for **youth summer camp programs (day and overnight camps)** providing services to school aged children (5 years and above) that are exempt from childcare licensing. Schools offering summer school should follow DC Health *Guidance for Schools*, and childcare facilities offering summer camp services under their childcare license should follow *Guidance for Childcare Facilities*. These guidance documents can be found at [coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance). Summer camps must implement the following measures in order to help reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission among campers, staff, and the community. For additional information, see [coronavirus.dc.gov](https://coronavirus.dc.gov).

### **Implement Measures to Support Safety of Staff & Campers**

#### **COVID-19 Vaccination**

- Camp staff and campers aged 12 years and older are strongly recommended to get the COVID-19 vaccine and to be fully vaccinated<sup>1</sup> prior to starting camp activities.
- **Summer camps may be offered that are limited to only vaccinated staff and campers. These camps can operate with less restrictions than camps with a mix of vaccinated and unvaccinated staff and campers. (More information provided on page 3.)**
- Find out more about getting the COVID-19 vaccine at [coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine).
- For more helpful information, see *Guidance for Fully Vaccinated People* at [coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance).

### **Implement Measures to Support Safety of Staff & Campers**

#### **Enrollment, Daily Health Screenings, and Testing (Overnight Camps)**

##### ***For Day and Overnight Camps***

- Staff and campers traveling to DC to attend or work at the camp should follow *Travel* guidance found at [coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance).
- Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to monitor and screen campers for symptoms of COVID-19 every day.
- Consider designating an individual at the summer camp to be the point of contact for all COVID-19 related questions and concerns. Make sure all staff and families know who this person is and how to contact them.
- **Summer Camps must perform a daily health screen for all people entering the camp (including campers, staff, and visitors).**
  - Screening can be performed before (via phone or app) or upon arrival and can be based on self-report or report from parents/guardians.
  - For **Screening Tool Guidance**, visit [coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance).
  - Active temperature checks are not recommended.
- Screening tools should be reviewed routinely after submission. Any individual experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, or who is required to isolate or quarantine due to COVID-19 diagnosis or exposure<sup>2</sup>, due to traveling, or who has a COVID-19 test pending, should not attend summer camp due to the risk of exposing others.
  - Symptoms of COVID-19 include: Fever (subjective or 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit) or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body

<sup>1</sup> An individual is considered fully vaccinated on day 14 after completion of a COVID-19 vaccination series (after the second dose of a 2-dose series, or after one dose of a single-dose vaccine).

<sup>2</sup> For more information, including information about quarantine and testing exemptions, please see *Guidance for Quarantine after COVID-19* at [coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance)

aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, abdominal pain or stomachache, poor appetite, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea. These symptoms should be updated according to CDC and DC Health guidance.

- Children with COVID-19 infection often present with non-specific symptoms, such as only breathing or stomach symptoms, with the most common being cough and/or fever.
- For more information about those traveling to and from DC, see *Travel* guidance at [coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance).
- Implement policies that allow flexibility if staff or campers become ill or test positive prior to arrival at camp. Permit delayed arrival to camp until people have been cleared from isolation.
- If a camper or staff member develops any of the symptoms above during the course of the day, the camp should have a process in place that allows them to isolate until it is safe to go home and seek healthcare provider guidance.

### ***For Overnight Camps***

- Staff and campers should limit their activities for two weeks prior to arriving at the camp, including avoiding crowds and avoiding indoor social gatherings with people outside of their households.
- Staff and campers who are not fully vaccinated must provide a negative viral test for COVID-19, taken 1-3 days prior to arrival date.
- Camps must also have procedures in place to help sick campers and staff members return home safely or be transported to a medical facility if their condition warrants.
- If staff leave the camp temporarily during the camp session (e.g., time off), they should choose their activities wisely while away from the camp and only participate in low-risk activities
  - Camps may consider requiring staff to repeat a screening test when they return.
- Staff and campers who travelled to DC to attend or work at the camp should get a viral COVID-19 test 3-5 days after returning home from camp, and quarantine for 7 days.
  - This does not apply to staff or campers who are fully vaccinated or who tested positive for COVID-19 in the previous 90 days.

### **Encourage Healthy Practices**

- Ensure adequate supplies (e.g., soap, paper towels, hand sanitizer, tissues, no-touch/foot pedal trash cans) to support healthy hygiene practices.
- Ensure handwashing strategies include washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available and hands are not visibly dirty, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Perform frequent hand hygiene (with soap and water or alcohol-based handsanitizer).
  - Note that hand sanitizer may not be as effective on dirty or greasy hands (e.g., if sunblock residue is on your hands). You may need to wipe your hands off before using hand sanitizer.
  - If hands are visibly dirty, you must wash them with soap and water.
  - Staff who prepare food must wash hands with soap and water.
  - Key times to perform hand hygiene include:
    - Before eating food,
    - After using the toilet,
    - Before and after putting on, touching, or removing cloth face coverings or masks,
    - Before touching your face,
    - After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing,
    - After touching someone else's belongings,

- Before and after group activities,
  - After playing on playground equipment.
- Avoid touching your face, eyes, mouth, and nose with unwashed hands.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue.
- If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow.

### **High-Risk Individuals**

Summer Camps should encourage campers and staff at an increased risk of experiencing severe illness due to COVID-19 consult with their medical provider **before** participating in camp activities.

- **Older adults and adults with the following conditions are at increased risk** of severe illness from COVID-19:
  - Cancer
  - Chronic kidney disease
  - Chronic lung diseases (including COPD, moderate-to-severe asthma, interstitial lung disease, cystic fibrosis, and pulmonary hypertension)
  - Dementia and other neurological conditions
  - Type I or Type II Diabetes
  - Down Syndrome
  - Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathies, or hypertension)
  - HIV infection
  - Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system)
  - Liver disease
  - Overweight or obesity
  - Pregnancy
  - Sickle cell disease or thalassemia
  - Smoking, current or former
  - History of solid organ or blood stem cell transplant
  - History of stroke or cerebrovascular disease
  - Substance use disorders
- There is less evidence to date about conditions which put **children** at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19. Current information suggests that children with medical complexity (like genetic, neurologic, or metabolic conditions, and congenital heart disease) are generally at increased risk compared to their healthier peers. Like adults, conditions such as obesity, diabetes, asthma or chronic lung disease, sickle cell disease, or immunosuppression also appear to put children at increased risk for severe COVID-19.
- Any staff member or parent of a child who has a medical condition not listed, but who is concerned about their safety, should also consult with their medical provider before participating in Summer Camp.
- For more information, please refer to *People with Certain Medical Conditions* at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website: [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html)

### **Summer Camps for the Fully Vaccinated**

- Summer camps (day and overnight) where all staff and campers are fully vaccinated can operate at full capacity.
- Fully vaccinated campers and staff do not need to wear masks or social distance at camp.
  - Although fully vaccinated campers and staff are not required to wear a mask, camps should be supportive of campers and staff who choose to continue to wear a mask.
- Summer camps for the fully vaccinated should continue to be attentive to healthy practices such as hand hygiene, cleaning and disinfection, and good ventilation.

## Summer Camps with People NOT Fully Vaccinated

Multiple layered prevention measures should be implemented to protect unvaccinated people.

### Implement Controls to Limit Contact

#### Non-medical face coverings and face masks

- Masks protect the wearer and protect other people.
- To be effective, masks must be worn correctly. Masks should be 2-3 layers of tightly woven fabric, cover the nose and mouth, and fit snugly against the sides of the face.
- A mask is not a substitute for physical distancing.
- **UPDATE: Campers and staff (both vaccinated and unvaccinated) generally do not need to wear masks for outdoor camp activities.**
  - **Camp administrators may consider requiring unvaccinated campers and staff to wear masks during outdoor activities in the following scenarios:**
    - Substantial to high community transmission
    - Crowded settings
    - During outdoor activities requiring close contact with other people who are not fully vaccinated
- **Unvaccinated staff and campers must wear non-medical face coverings or face masks while participating in all indoor camp activities** except while eating/drinking, napping, or during water-related activities such as swimming. This includes sports and vigorous exercise.
- **Camp administrators may choose to require fully vaccinated staff and campers to continue wearing masks particularly in indoor settings when it is difficult to tell who is and isn't vaccinated OR to set an example for unvaccinated campers.**
- Masks must be worn when:
  - Unvaccinated staff and campers are riding in private buses or other private vehicles.
  - All staff and campers (regardless of vaccination status) are using public transportation (e.g., Metro).
- Employers must provide masks for staff.
- Consider providing masks to campers as well, supplies permitting.
- Campers are recommended to bring extra masks with them in case the mask they are wearing becomes wet, soiled, or damaged. Extra masks should be kept easily accessible.
- Parents and camp staff should discuss individual considerations for children of any age, including medical or developmental conditions that may prevent them from wearing a mask, and consult with the camper's health care provider if necessary to determine if an individual camper is able to wear a mask and attend camp safely.
- Consider clear masks (not face shields) for campers or staff who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- For more information about masks, including information about who should not wear a mask, and exceptions for need to wear a mask, please refer to *Guidance about Masks and Other Face Coverings for the General Public* at [coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance).

### Cohorts

#### ***For Day and Overnight Camps***

**Cohorting** consists of separating campers and staff into distinct groups that stay together throughout the entire camp experience. This is an important part of maintaining camp operations if a case of COVID-19 occurs in a camp. Minimizing mixing between cohorts will decrease the number of campers and staff that need to be quarantined if a case occurs in a staff or camper

- Cohort assignments should be made prior to the start of camp.
- Stagger camp arrival/drop-off times by cohort. Maintain social distance between staff and

parents/caregivers as much as possible at drop off.

- Campers in each cohort must interact with their own group and not mix between other groups.
  - Limit the use of floating staff to only when necessary as the use of floating staff poses an avoidable increased risk of exposure if staff test positive for COVID-19.
- Social distancing recommendations must be followed within the cohort to the greatest extent possible.
- Campers and staff in the same cohort who are not fully vaccinated must wear masks at all times (except in situations as noted in Masks section of this guidance).
- Cohorts must be maintained for all activities including meals and recess.
- Pay special attention during the following times: entry and exit of the building, at mealtimes, in restrooms, on the playground, in hallways, and in other shared spaces.
- If specialized staff (for example, speech language pathologists) are providing services to campers within multiple cohorts or multiple camp programs, they should take prevention measures to limit the potential transmission of COVID-19, including getting vaccinated if eligible, limiting interactions to only the children they are there to see, and wearing masks or other necessary personal protective equipment. Specialized staff should keep detailed contact tracing logs.

### ***For Overnight Camps***

- Campers and staff sharing sleeping quarters (e.g., cabin, bunkhouse) can be considered a “**household cohort**” and do not need to wear masks or social distance when they are together with no one outside the cohort present.
  - Household cohorts do not need to social distance from each other in any setting.
  - When different household cohorts are using shared indoor or outdoor spaces together during the day or night, face masks must be used, and physical distancing between cohorts must be maintained.
- If staff do not share sleeping quarters with campers in their cohort, campers and staff must wear masks at all times when staff is present, and staff must socially distance from campers in their cohort.

### **Physical Distancing**

- **For vaccinated staff and campers:**
  - Campers and staff who are fully vaccinated generally do not need to social distance.
  - Camp administrators may choose to require all campers and staff regardless of vaccination status to social distance during camp to improve adherence to social distancing and to protect privacy.
- **For unvaccinated staff and campers**
  - **Three feet of physical distancing** is permitted between **campers within their cohort**.
  - **Six feet of physical distancing** is recommended for the following scenarios:
    - Between staff and campers within a cohort (except for household cohorts in overnight camps),
    - Between adults (staff and visitors) and unvaccinated campers in general,
    - Between adults (staff and visitors),
    - Between campers in a cohort when eating or drinking, (except for household cohorts in overnight camps),
    - Between campers from different cohorts,
    - During sports activities.

### **Strategies to promote appropriate physical distancing and cohorts include:**

- Ensuring small group sizes for activities and supporting campers with remaining 3 feet apart.
- Implementing reminders for maintaining 6 feet of physical distancing in areas where staff

interactions occur, such as break areas and during recess.

- Staggering arrival and/or dismissal times or locations by cohort, and decreasing staff contact with parents and/or caregivers.
- Create physical distance between campers on buses or transportation (e.g., seat children one child per row, skip rows) when possible. Campers who live in the same household and fully vaccinated campers may be seated together.

## Camp Operations

### Activities

- The more people interacting in any setting increases the risk of COVID-19 transmission.
- Limit any nonessential visitors and volunteers.
- **For unvaccinated people, outdoor activities are safer than indoor activities.**
  - Conduct as many camp activities outside as possible.
  - Conduct any indoor activities in well-ventilated spaces.
    - When indoors, open doors and windows as much as practical and safe, to allow fresh air to circulate.
- Physical activity should be conducted outdoors or in a well-ventilated indoor space. There should be at least 6 feet between students during physical activity.
- Of note, activities in which voices are projected, such as choir or theater, or where wind instruments are used, present greater risk of spread of respiratory droplets, and should be modified to be outdoors and/or allow for 10 feet of social distancing indoors.
- If nap times are scheduled, assign mats to individual children, sanitize before and after use, and space them out as much as possible. Place campers head-to-toe to ensure distance between their faces. Masks should not be worn when sleeping.
- The following should be considered when planning **field trips that include unvaccinated staff or campers**:
  - Activities where 6 feet of distance can be maintained from those not attending the camp are safest.
  - Outdoor settings are safer than indoor (e.g., trips to beach, hiking).
  - If participating in an indoor field trip, unvaccinated staff and campers should stay within their cohort, wear masks, and maintain 6 feet of distance from others.
  - Activities where people are wearing face masks are safer. Interacting without wearing masks increases your risk.
  - The level of community spread. If DC is in Phase 3, risk to everyone is minimal. If DC is in Phase 2, there is an increased risk in attending public events for those who are unvaccinated.

### Meals

- Meals should be eaten outdoors as much as possible. Indoor meals should only take place in well-ventilated spaces.
- Food at camps is strongly encouraged to be provided as pre-packaged boxes or bags for each attendee.
- Campers should eat in separate areas or with their smaller group, instead of in a communal dining hall or cafeteria. Stagger lunch by cohort and/or assign lunch and recess area by cohort.
- All unvaccinated campers should be spaced 6-feet apart while eating or drinking (except for household in overnight camps and fully vaccinated cohorts).
- Use disposable food service items (utensils, dishes).
- If disposable items are not feasible or desirable, ensure that food safety regulations are adhered to for all non-disposable food service items. Individuals must wash their hands after removing their gloves or after directly handling used food service items.
- Avoid sharing of foods, utensils, and other personal items.

### Equipment and Belongings

- Discourage sharing of items that are difficult to clean.
- Avoid sharing or clean between uses electronic devices, toys, books, and other games or learning aids.
- Keep each camper's belongings separated from others' and in individually labeled containers, cubbies, or areas.
- Ensure adequate supplies to minimize sharing of high-touch materials to the extent possible (e.g., assign art supplies or other equipment to a single camper), or limit use of supplies and equipment to one group of campers at a time and clean between use.

## Staff Considerations

- Implement leave policies that are flexible and non-punitive, and that allow sick employees to stay home. Leave policies are recommended to account for the following:
  - Employees who report COVID-19 symptoms,
  - Employees who were tested for COVID-19 and test results are pending,
  - Employees who tested positive for COVID-19,
  - Employees who are a close contact of someone with Covid-19 symptoms or who tested positive for Covid-19,
  - Employees who need to stay home with their children if there are school or childcare closures, or to care for sick family members.
- Encourage and support staff to get the COVID-19 vaccine by providing leave options to get the vaccine and if they experience common side effects.
- Keep abreast of current law, which has amended both the DC Family and Medical Leave Act and the DC Sick and Safe Leave Law and created whole new categories of leave, like Declared Emergency Leave.
- Learn about and inform your employees about COVID-related leave provided through new federal law, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) and all applicable District law relating to sick leave.

## Preventing Outbreaks of Other Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (non-COVID-19)

- According to CDC and DC Health data, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a significant reduction in childhood vaccine administrations across the country including the District of Columbia and Maryland.
- In order to prevent a vaccine-preventable disease outbreak in a camp setting, it is imperative for all campers who attend camp to be fully vaccinated for vaccine-preventable diseases according to CDC and DC Health standards
- Ensure a policy is in place for reviewing of immunization status of campers, provision of reminders to parents, timelines for compliance, and support for campers who do not meet requirements.
- A review of immunizations can be found [here](#).
- Review CDC resources regarding [Vaccine-Preventable Diseases](#).

## Cleaning & Disinfection

- Summer camps should develop a comprehensive plan for increased routine cleaning (and disinfection as needed) of common spaces and frequently touched surfaces within the facility (e.g., countertops, chairs, tables, sink handles, computers, handrails, door handles, light switches).
- Cleaning procedures throughout the camp should be developed in advance of opening and shared with staff. Management should properly train staff on cleaning procedures and monitor cleaning schedules to ensure compliance.
- If a facility has been closed, it should be thoroughly cleaned prior to re-opening.

- Frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned at least daily.
- Clean any shared objects frequently, based on level of use.
- All restrooms (including those in sleeping quarters for overnight camps) should be cleaned regularly (e.g., in morning, evening, after heavy use), with special attention to high-touch surfaces (such as faucets, toilets, stall doors, door handles, countertops, diaper changing tables, and light switches).
- Restrooms should be appropriately marked and monitored to ensure social distancing guidelines are followed (neighboring stalls may be used). Ensure an adequate supply of soap and paper towels is present at all times.
- Use disposable gloves when handling trash bags. Once done handling trash, dispose of gloves in a lined trash can. Do not reuse gloves. Perform hand hygiene after removing gloves.
- For comprehensive guidance on cleaning and disinfection, please see the following DC Health guidances at [coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance)
  - *Guidance on Cleaning and Disinfection for Community Facilities with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19*
  - *Guidance on Routine Cleaning and Disinfection for Community Facilities*

## Building Considerations

Summer Camps that are using a facility that is reopening after a prolonged facility shutdown must perform necessary maintenance to all ventilation and water systems and features (e.g., sink, faucets, drinking fountains, decorative fountains) so that they are ready for use and occupancy and are adequately maintained throughout the operating period.

- Consider making the following improvements to improve building ventilation:
  - Increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible, for example by opening windows and doors.
    - Do not open windows and doors if doing so poses a safety or health risk (e.g., risk of falling, triggering asthma symptoms) to campers using the facility.
  - Verify ventilation systems operate properly and provide acceptable indoor air quality for the current occupancy level for each space.
  - Improve central air filtration to the highest compatible with the filter rack, and seal edges of the filter to limit bypass.
  - Increase ventilation rates.
  - Check filters to verify they are within service life and appropriately installed.
  - Keep systems running longer hours, 24/7 if possible, to enhance air exchanges in the building space.
  - Consult with a specialist to see what works for your building
  - If activities are indoors, increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible by opening windows or exterior doors if possible.
- More details on recommended improvements to ventilation in camp buildings can be found at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools.html).
- Flush water systems to clear out stagnant water and replace it with fresh water. This will remove any metals (e.g., lead) that may have leached into the water and minimize the risk of Legionnaires' disease and other diseases associated with water.
  - Further details on steps for this process can be found on the CDC website at [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/building-water-system.html](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/building-water-system.html).

## Establish a Plan for COVID-19 Exposure

### Testing for Symptomatic Campers and Staff

- Campers and staff who have symptoms of COVID-19 should be evaluated for COVID-19 testing, **regardless of vaccination status**.
- It is recommended that **unvaccinated** campers and staff get tested if anyone in their



household is symptomatic, even if they themselves do not have symptoms.

- DC Health recommends all household members get tested at the same time.
- If testing is not done, it is recommended that the staff/camper not attend camp while the symptomatic household member's test result is pending.
  - If the result is negative, the camper can return.
  - If result is positive, the camper should isolate at home and expect outreach from the DC Health Contract Tracing team.
- Any child or staff member who is awaiting a COVID-19 test must not attend the Summer Camp until their result comes back negative.

## **Screening Testing**

### ***For Day and Overnight Camps***

- Camps can consider weekly screening testing of unvaccinated staff and campers. This may be particularly useful when DC is experiencing moderate to substantial community spread (Phase 2).
  - Screening testing can also be targeted to high-risk situations such as unvaccinated staff who may oversee multiple cohorts of campers.
  - Please note that fully vaccinated individuals and people who have tested positive for COVID19 in the last 90 days who do not have any symptoms are not recommended to participate in routine screening testing.

### ***For Overnight Camps***

If weekly screening is performed:

- Initial screening should be done 3-5 days after an individual's arrival at camp for camps that last longer than one week.

## **For persons diagnosed with or exposed to COVID-19**

### ***For Day and Overnight Camps***

- Implement policies that allow families flexibility (e.g., changing camp registration dates or arrival dates) if campers or their families are affected by COVID-19.
- Identify a point of contact at the camp that staff and campers (or caregivers) can notify if they test positive for COVID-19. (This could be the same person who is the point of contact for COVID-19 related questions and concerns mentioned on the page 1 of the guidance, or a different person.)
- Summer camps should have a plan in place so that staff or campers diagnosed with COVID-19 or identified as close contacts of someone with COVID-19 do not return until their isolation or quarantine periods are complete, respectively.
  - A person who tests positive for COVID-19 must isolate for at least 10 days and be excluded from the camp and show improvement of symptoms, including no fever for 24 hours. Please see the guidance documents *Persons Who Tested Positive for COVID-19* at [coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance).
  - A person who is a close contact of someone with COVID-19 (within 6 feet for 15 minutes or longer) must quarantine for at least 10 days.
    - The definition of a close contact applies regardless of whether either person was wearing a mask.
    - People who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days and people who are **fully vaccinated** do not have to quarantine if they are exposed. Please see the guidance document *Quarantine after COVID-19 Exposure* for detailed guidance on quarantine, including exceptions, at [coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance).

### **For Overnight Camps**

- Summer camps must have a plan in place for staff or campers diagnosed with COVID-19 or identified as close contacts of someone with COVID-19 to isolate or quarantine on-site.
- Procedures for safely transporting campers or staff who become ill and need medical care must be established.
- All household cohort close contacts must quarantine for at least 10 days and get tested 3-5 days after exposure.
  - Household cohorts may quarantine together.
  - Anyone in the cohort who develops symptoms or tests positive should be isolated.
- Any child or staff member who is awaiting a COVID-19 test outside of screening testing must not participate in camp activities until their result comes back negative.

### **Communication and Response**

- If a staff member or camper reports to the Summer Camp that they are positive for COVID-19, the privacy of the staff or camper must be maintained. However, the Summer Camp should have a notification process to share the following with staff and parents:
  - Education about COVID-19, including the signs and symptoms of COVID-19
  - Referral to the *Guidance for Contacts of a Person Confirmed to have COVID-19*, available at [coronavirus.dc.gov](https://coronavirus.dc.gov)
  - Information on options for COVID-19 testing in the District of Columbia, available at [coronavirus.dc.gov/testing](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/testing)

### **Reporting**

- Refer to the guidance “*First Steps for Non-Healthcare Employers when Employees Test Positive for COVID-19*” at [coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance) when a case is reported at your camp.
  - A close contact is someone who was within 6 feet of a person who tested positive for COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes over a 24-hour period, during that person’s infectious period.
  - The infectious period starts two days before symptom onset date (or before positive test date for people who do not have symptoms), and typically ends 10 days after symptom onset date (or positive test date for people who do not have symptoms).
- Summer camps must notify DC Health when:
  - A staff member (including contractors), volunteer, or visitor **tested positive for COVID-19** (not before results come back)
  - OR**
  - a camper tested positive for COVID-19 (not before results come back)
  - AND**
  - the person was at summer camp during their infectious period.
- Notify DC Health by submitting an online form on the DC Health COVID-19 Reporting Requirements website [dchealth.dc.gov/page/covid-19-reporting-requirements](https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/covid-19-reporting-requirements):
  - Submit a Non-Healthcare Facility COVID-19 Consult Form.
  - An investigator from DC Health will follow-up within 24 hours to all appropriately submitted notifications.
- DC Health will instruct Summer Camps on dismissals, shutdowns, and other safety precautions in the event a known COVID-19 individual came in close contact with others at a summer camp.

The guidelines above will continue to be updated as the outbreak evolves. Please visit [coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance) regularly for the most current information.