

Key Takeaways:

1. **If your camper is unvaccinated, they must take a COVID-19 test 3-5 days before the first day of their session.** This test must be a PCR test.
 - a. Please upload your camper's test result to CampMinder. Go to "Forms and Documents," and click Pre-Arrival Screening to upload the result.
 - b. Your camper will also be tested on the first day of their session.
2. **If your camper is vaccinated, please upload their vaccination card to CampMinder.**
 - a. Go to "Forms and Documents" and click Pre-Arrival Screening to upload the image of the card.
3. We are asking all of our camp families to **limit their contact with people outside of their household for the 10 days leading up to the first day of their camper's session.**
 - a. While we know this might be impossible as some campers will still be in school or engaged in other activities, we are requesting that families do *as much as possible* to limit their contact with others.
 - i. Recommended practices to limit possible exposure to COVID-19 include:
 1. Wearing a mask
 2. Staying at least 6 feet away from people outside the household
 3. Avoiding crowded indoor locations
 4. Washing hands with soap and water frequently
 - b. In the 10 days leading up to their session, please assist your camper in monitoring and tracking their symptoms. We want campers to build these skills prior to their arrival. These measures will prevent campers from arriving to camp with any symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 and hone their awareness of what symptoms they should report to our staff once they arrive at camp. We will continue to monitor symptoms of campers and staff during camp.
 - i. If your camper begins exhibiting symptoms before camp that are consistent with COVID-19, please contact us immediately so that we can help you figure out how best to proceed.
4. Please send your camper to camp with enough masks to have **at least 2 masks per day.**
 - a. Your camper **must bring disposable masks.** This is to ensure the best possible hygiene practices and to facilitate the likelihood that campers wear clean masks everyday. Please mark your camper's container of masks with their first and last name.
 - b. Masks must be compliant with the [CDC's mask recommendations](#).

WBT Camps COVID-19 Protocols 2021

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(Please note: All information is subject to change)

Introduction

Our commitment is to ensure the physical and emotional health and safety of our campers and staff. The following information outlines how WBT Camps are adapting our current policies and procedures to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 at camp. The practices and policies laid out here are subject to change. Our approach in all areas of camp is based on COVID-19 best practices for summer camps published by the CDC, State of California, and the American Camp Association (ACA). Our policies and procedures are reviewed by members of our medical team.

Site Definitions:

Cabin: A single group of campers that shares a living space. Include campers and their counselors/CIT. The cabin operates like a single household for COVID-19 purposes.

Pod: Group of multiple cabins. The pod, like a typical camp unit, will comprise multiple cabins from one age group.

Working Assumptions/What We Know

1. We are opening camp because we are confident we can operate safely
 - a. The health and safety of our campers and staff is always a top priority. We are working closely with medical professionals and following guidance from the CDC, the California Department of Health, the Riverside County Department of Health, and American Camp Association to ensure that we can continue to run camp safely in 2021.
2. Vaccines are now available for children ages 12-18.
 - a. We are strongly encouraging vaccines for all campers who are 12 years of age and older.
 - b. If your child is vaccinated (fully or partially), please upload a copy of their vaccination card to CampMinder. Go to "Forms and Documents" and click Pre-Arrival Screening to upload the image of the card.
3. COVID-19 will be present in our communities and at camp
 - a. We must operate under the assumption that COVID-19 will be present in the communities we serve and could be present in our camp community. Our goal is to use effective protocols for screening, testing, and cohort based programming to prevent large-scale spread. We have protocols that will help us address any cases or potential cases that may appear. This is a multi-layered approach using evidence-based recommendations that can help keep our community safe. We will be in contact with local health agencies leading up to and throughout the summer in order to assist us in keeping camp open through the summer.
4. Testing will be available
 - a. We are working closely with medical professionals and COVID-19 testing distributors and agencies regarding the accessibility of specific tests prior to and

during Summer 2021. Our priority is to ensure that if testing is needed, it will be available and reliable, while using appropriate safety measures while results are pending.

Health and Safety

Pre-Camp Behaviors

1. Limited Exposure Pre-Camp: In order to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 being brought into camp, campers and their families must remain vigilant and refrain from non-essential contact with people outside of their households and immediate family for the 10 days prior to the start of camp. While we know this might be impossible as some campers will still be in school or engaged in other activities, we are requesting that families do *as much as possible* to limit their contact with others and use recommended prevention strategies which include what is listed below. YOU are our partners in risk mitigation. Please help by:
 - i. Wearing a mask
 - ii. Staying at least 6 feet away from people outside the household
 - iii. Avoiding crowded indoor locations
 - iv. Washing hands with soap and water frequently
2. Symptom Screening: In the 10 days leading up to their session, please assist your camper in monitoring and tracking their symptoms. We want campers to build these skills prior to their arrival. These measures will prevent campers from arriving to camp with any symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 and hone their awareness of what symptoms they should report to our staff once they arrive at camp. We will continue to monitor symptoms of campers and staff during camp.
 - a. If your camper begins exhibiting symptoms that are consistent with COVID-19 before camp, please contact us immediately so that we can help you figure out how best to proceed.
3. Pre-Arrival Testing: Our testing policy is based on current information and recommendations, with the understanding that the flow of information and recommendations is fluid. Our testing protocol may change over the summer as information is updated and recommendations are modified by various agencies.
 - a. COVID-19 testing is mandatory for ALL unvaccinated campers. **All unvaccinated campers must take a COVID-19 test within 3-5 of their first day of camp.** Please upload your camper's test result to CampMinder. Go to "Forms and Documents," and click Pre-Arrival Screening to upload the result.
 - b. **All unvaccinated campers will be tested upon arrival at camp**
 - c. If a camper has a positive test before camp or from the test on Opening Day, that camper will not be permitted to stay at camp and will only be able to rejoin the camp "bubble" 10 days after their positive test. If they develop symptoms, that return date will change. For any sessions less than 3.5 weeks, campers will not be able to rejoin camp this summer if either of the 2 aforementioned tests are positive.

4. Opening Day Screening and Testing

- a. In addition to the test, all campers will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms and have their temperature taken by our camp staff.

Camp/Community Structure

Cabins:

Campers and staff will be primarily with their cabin during the initial few days of each session. Campers and staff will utilize community mitigation strategies, such as masks, physical distancing, and appropriate hygiene. Campers will travel with their cabin to meals and activities.

Pods:

Once we feel as assured (as best we can) that no one in our community is positive for COVID-19, programming can expand to pods. Pods are groups of cabins that will enjoy camp activities together. When multiple pods of the camp community gather, we will require masking, distancing, and moving as many camp activities outdoors as possible. We will continue planning for camp programming with our mitigation strategies while keeping the camp magic and community feel alive.

Outside/Masked/Distanced:

A practical COVID-19 mitigation philosophy that we have adopted is the 2 out of 3 rule. The 2 out of 3 rule means that we will strive for campers and staff in different pods to always be two out of three: Outside, Masked & Distanced. For any cross-pod interactions, campers and staff should aim to observe at least two of the three following rules: wear a mask, be outdoors, be physically distanced (at least 6 feet apart). We know that there will be camp moments when doing all three is not possible. Our staff will be trained to implement these guidelines with their campers.

Mask-wearing Policy:

At this time, all campers and staff will be required to wear masks when inside buildings, except when eating or inside their own cabins. Some outdoor activities when multiple pods are present or physical distancing cannot be maintained may require mask wearing as well.

Masks must cover the camper's nose and mouth and fit securely. Please see the [CDC's recommendations](#) on the types of masks that are most effective.

Campers will be required to bring enough for at least 2 masks a day for the entire session. Campers will be required to wear a clean mask each day. We will also have extra masks available if a child misplaces a mask. Please label your camper's container of masks with their first and last name.

Facilities

Housing

- Campers will not need to wear masks in their cabins but may need to wear them around the cabin area.
- Campers will not be allowed to visit cabins in different pods.
- Campers should keep their belongings as separate from others as possible within their cabin. Campers should not share clothes or other belongings with other campers. All of a camper's belongings must be labeled with their first and last name.

Dining Hall

Meals and time spent in the dining hall are a special aspect of the camp experience. This will be an area that will likely look noticeably different this summer. Meals will be served with recommended community mitigation strategies. This may include staggered times and utilizing additional dining spaces. Alcohol based hand sanitizer will be provided at every table. The kitchen & dining hall will be cleaned & disinfected after each meal.

Infirmary/Health Center

There will be a separate triage and quarantine area for any campers or staff exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. If any staff member or camper is identified as having a potential or confirmed case of COVID-19, they will be housed in the separate quarantine area with a dedicated health care professional to monitor their health and well-being, until they can go home.

If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19: the camper will be immediately separated from other campers and will be supervised by a medical professional. Parents will be notified to pick the camper up. Campers in the same pod and any others who may have had exposure will be immediately quarantined, will be tested, and will remain quarantined together continuing activities and meals separate from all other pods, until all test results are received.

Cleaning, Handwashing & Sanitization Protocols

To minimize transfer of COVID-19 at camp, cleaning methods will be employed to reduce the risk of transmission. Protocols will include cleaning of communal spaces, shared items, frequently touched surfaces and overall handwashing and sanitizing.

- Hand-sanitizer stations will be placed in all buildings, cabins and high-traffic areas.
- Handwashing/hand sanitizing will occur frequently throughout the day.
- Bathrooms, shared spaces, and highly touched services will be cleaned and disinfected throughout the day.
- Bathrooms will be sanitized throughout the day in between deep-cleaning to ensure frequently touched surfaces remain clean.
- Disinfectant will be provided to all programmatic areas of camp.

Communication

We understand that communication is critical to the success of our families at camp. It is important to us that we partner with our parents and families to ensure the social, emotional and physical well being of all campers. Parents will be kept informed throughout each session about COVID-19 testing, isolation and quarantine measures if required, as well as the usual communication throughout the summer (blogs, photos, emails etc.). If a camper or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 while in our care, all parents with campers and staff on site will be notified via email and we will identify the specific measures we are taking to address the situation. Any parent with campers in close contact with a positive COVID-19 case will be notified directly while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with current privacy laws.

We will notify state and local health officials of any confirmed positive test as required.

Camper Orientation

Opening day at camp always includes time to introduce campers to key staff, general camp rules, and important operational guidelines. This summer, the following items will also be communicated:

- What camp is doing to protect everyone from becoming ill
- Ground rules for operating in smaller groups
- Hand washing protocols
- Physical distancing guidelines and policies for when masks are necessary
- Dining hall procedures
- What symptoms to look out for and when to report them to a nurse
- Health screening throughout the summer

Operations

Visitors

To ensure we keep camp safe and free from COVID-19, visitors, guests, and volunteers will not be permitted. There will be no alumni events or tours at camp this summer.

Vendors

When deliveries and essential service suppliers (e.g., septic, propane, food) come to camp, drivers will not have any direct contact with campers or staff and will be required to adhere to our safety protocols.

Conclusion

Thank you for partnering with us to provide a safe, healthy camp experience in 2021. We will all be relying on one another to ensure a safe Summer 2021. This plan is written to reflect what camp would look like if it were to run today. We are regularly updating this document to reflect

any changes made to policies and best practice recommendations to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Check our website www.wbtcamps.org for our most current plans.

If you have questions about COVID-19 and camp, please reach out to assistant director Gaby Ostrove (gaby@wbtcamps.org).