



Health & Safety Procedures 2021

We are so excited for the summer of 2021, and we cannot wait to see our campers and staff finally arrive at camp!! We are confident that Wildwood can provide the safety, spirit, and love that we all have become accustomed to in the past.

Camp is, by its very nature, a deeply interconnected community. We have a responsibility to take into consideration the many different experiences and needs of the children and families that we support during the camp season; therefore, we must do everything we can to protect the safety and wellbeing of every community member, especially those who are most vulnerable. We ask you to please recognize that our priority is to be mindful and inclusive of the needs of all of our campers.

While many of our staff, parents and caregivers, and even some older campers may already be vaccinated, most of our camp community members are children who are not yet eligible to be vaccinated. The protocols we have set forth are to protect our whole camp community.

Our regular camp program is primarily based outside; and we will focus on keeping kids outside this summer as well.

Our healthcare team is ready to greet campers this summer. We have added additional sinks, toilets and outdoor tents all over camp to minimize traffic all around camp. At the Health Center we have added a separate triage tent to minimize traffic in the Health Center. We have also allocated additional space on camp to be used by the Health Center team as needed. All rooms have been equipped with air purifiers.

BEFORE CAMP PROTOCOLS- COMMUNITY TRUST & CAMPER/FAMILY PLEDGE

Please be extra careful in the days and weeks prior to camp. We ask that you avoid unmasked indoor gatherings with friends and family. We ask that our unvaccinated campers not be anywhere (other than with their immediate family) without a mask in the 10 days prior to camp. Please make smart family decisions.

If someone in your family or a close contact of your family, tests positive for COVID-19 in the days or weeks prior to camp, please inform us immediately, so we can work together on a safe entry plan.

Pre-Camp Covid Testing: All U.S. campers not vaccinated will need to show a negative PCR Covid-19 test within 7 days prior to arriving at Wildwood. Vaccinated campers will need to show proof of completed vaccination. Testing results or vaccination reports are to be shown upon arrival to camp.

(International campers will follow the 72-hour flight guideline). All campers will be tested on Day 1 with a PCR test. See more information in our Testing Protocols section below.

ON SITE PROTOCOLS & TESTING

We have chosen to partner with The University of New Hampshire (UNH) for our testing throughout the summer. UNH provides COVID-19 testing solutions to meet the needs of day and boarding schools, colleges, universities, businesses, and other organizations. UNH has extensive experience in testing children, and provides on-site testing services for many private schools and universities throughout the Northeast.

Our plan consists of an arrival day PCR test, and a day 5 PCR test for campers staying two weeks. We will also have rapid antigen and PCR tests for any symptomatic individual. We know there are some campers who may have tested positive in the last couple of months. We will work with individual families to figure out an appropriate testing plan. Vaccinated campers do not need to be PCR tested on arrival day.

The onsite testing will be at “no” cost to families. UNH will be onsite at Wildwood to administer the tests then drive the tests directly to their lab in Salem, NH. We will have results in less than 24 hours.

MASKS

The majority of our camp day will be “mask free”. Our program is primarily based outside. Our campers will be in pods by age group, each pod contains up to 24 campers and 6 staff. Campers do not need to wear masks when with their pod.

Campers will wear masks when going inside a building (that is not where they sleep) and outside only if they are combining with other pods and cannot physically distance. (ex: getting assistance with putting on a harness for the ropes course or a lifejacket at the waterfront).

IF A CAMPER HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

If a camper presents to the Health Center with Covid symptoms, they will see our nurse who will advise on next steps. Campers may be Covid tested. Until test results are back, the camper will remain in the Health Center, and be cared for by our Health Center team. If testing returns negative, the camper will return to their bunk only after they are fever and symptom free for 24 hours.

IF A CAMPER TESTS POSITIVE

If a camper tests positive prior to camp, they would need to quarantine at home for at least 10 days and 24 hours after symptom resolution. At that point, they would need to be cleared by their home doctor and the camp nurse before arrival to camp. (If a sibling or any other family member in the house tests positive prior to camp, that camper would need to wait 14 days and show negative results before being able to enter camp). Please note, if a camper had Covid in the recent months leading to camp, and is still presenting with positive Covid testing results, we will need documentation of the initial positive test and medical clearance from your home doctor.

If a child tests positive while in camp, they will be quarantined and asked to be picked up from camp within 24 hours. We feel that living in quarantine at camp for 10 days, if positive, would be

too difficult for the sick camper, and not in the best interest of our camp community. We know that this is challenging for some families traveling from farther away, but in an effort to keep our entire community safe, this commitment is necessary in order for your child to come to camp this summer.

We will work with our International families on timing to get to camp as soon as possible. If you are planning to travel out of the area, we ask that families provide us with a contact person who can pick up their child in the event of a positive Covid result.

If a child tests positive at camp, we will notify our camp community to keep our families informed. We will notify our local health officials as well. We will not be able to share specific names or personal information. Parents of the campers in the cabin where a positive case was identified will be updated on their own child's health and will be provided with information as to the monitoring and management of the situation.

Cabinmates

If a cabin / tent mate tests positive, we will create a quarantine pod out of the remainder of the bunk. We will continue to test to ensure that each child and staff member is healthy. We will also do contact tracing and testing for anyone who was exposed to that positive camper. We will, of course, let parents know, and while waiting on additional results, we will create safe activities for this person or pod.

If a child tests positive at camp, we will notify our camp community to keep our families informed. We will notify our local health officials as well. We will not be able to share specific names or personal information. Parents of the campers in the cabin where a positive case was identified will be updated on their own child's health and will be provided with information as to the monitoring and management of the situation.

STAFF

The majority of our camp staff are fully vaccinated and we are working to get staff from other state and countries vaccinated while they are in the US this summer. All staff not vaccinated will be Covid-19 PCR tested along with the campers on each opening day and day 5.

FACILITY

We have purchased foggers and sprayers to properly disinfect all cabins and indoor spaces daily. We have also purchased dozens of sanitizing dispensers to have all around camp. We will have daily protocols in place to assess the health and wellbeing of each camper and staff.

MEALS

Meals will still be served family style by "pod". This is not a change for us. Our older campers will be eating outside under tents, minimizing the number of campers that are inside during each meal.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions please contact the camp office at: Wildwood@massaudubon.org; wwnurse@massaudubon.org or 603-899-5589.