Mass Audubon Camps
COVID Addendum
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Frequently Asked Questions for Our Children & Families

1. What symptoms do I need check for before sending my child to camp each day?

- Fever (100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, or shaking chills)
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- Sore throat, when in combination with other symptoms
- Headache when in combination with other symptoms
- Fatigue, when in combination with other symptoms
- Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies) when in combination with other symptoms

The bolded symptoms above (when they occur alone) require immediate exclusion from camp until you are able to produce a negative COVID-19 test. Please also communicate with the Camp Director/Healthcare team if your child is sick and experiencing any of these symptoms.

The non-bolded symptoms will be managed on a case-by-case basis by the Camp Director and family depending upon the severity, combination of symptoms, and child illness policies of the program. Please reference guidelines below on when a symptomatic child is permitted to return to camp.
2. **When can my child return to camp after experiencing COVID-19 symptoms?**
If campers are displaying symptoms according to the guidelines above, they must produce a negative rapid test in order to attend or return to camp. If your child is experiencing a fever, they must stay home until the temperature consistently reads below 100 degrees Fahrenheit without the use of fever-reducing medication for 24 hours. We will **not** be testing symptomatic children at camp.

3. **What should I do if my child tests positive for COVID-19?**
If your child tests positive, please contact your healthcare provider for next steps and communicate with the Camp Director as soon as possible, as we may need to contact relevant local health officials.

   - Children who test positive must isolate for at least 5 days (day 0 is the first day that your child tested positive). If they are asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving and they have been fever-free for 24 hours, they may return to programming after five days, provided:
     - If the child is able to mask, they must do so for 10 days from the last positive test.
     - If the child is unable to mask, they must produce a negative test result on Day 5 or later in order to return to programming prior to day 11.

4. **What should I do if we have a household member or close contact tests positive for COVID?**
Children who are identified as close contacts may continue to attend programming as long as they remain asymptomatic and are able to mask indoors until Day 10. A test on Days 2 and 5 is required. Day 0 is defined as the day that the close contact tested positive.

5. **Will the camp be administering rapid tests? How is the test administered?**
No, rapid testing is something you, our families, must complete. Camp Directors have a limited supply of tests; if you are unable to purchase test kits, please contact your Camp Director.

6. **What if a child has symptoms during the day?**
Any child who develops COVID symptoms while at camp will be immediately isolated from the rest of the group and then sent home. Campers can return to camp once the campers have a negative rapid test prior to returning to camp OR have a doctor’s note providing permission for the camper to return to camp. We will not be testing symptomatic children at camp.

7. **Overnight Trips**
If your camper is participating in an overnight trip, you must produce a negative test the day that the trip begins. Tests can be made available upon request.

8. **When will masks be required?**
Camp Directors will be checking community levels of Covid-19 in their counties every Friday by using this tool: [COVID-19 Community Levels | CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/levels.html)

   - In LOW-risk communities, if staff or campers are identified as close contacts, staff and campers must mask indoors for 5 days from the last day of exposure. Additionally, staff and campers will be asked to mask if they are not able to socially distance in indoor spaces.
   - In MEDIUM- and HIGH-risk counties, campers and staff must mask indoors.

9. **Will my unvaccinated camper be excluded?**
Mass Audubon does not require campers to be fully vaccinated from Covid-19. However, in situations when one or more cases of a vaccine-preventable or any other communicable disease are present
in a camp, all susceptible children, including those with medical or religious exemptions, are subject to exclusion as described in 105 CMR 300.000: *Reportable Diseases and Isolation and Quarantine Requirements*.

10. **Refund Policy**
Mass Audubon will not be providing refunds for COVID-related disruptions to the camp program. Depending on availability, your child might be able to transfer tuition to another session. Please speak to your Camp Director regarding your options.