

Camp Wilton Safety Plan/ COVID Protocols

Summer 2022

Pre-Arrival and On- Site Screening and Testing for Campers and Staff.

Campers and Camp Wilton staff will be asked to be cautious of their connections outside their homes as camp approaches; requiring campers and staff to limit their exposure for 7-10 days prior to the arrival at camp. Influenza and other URI's have also been prevalent and severe and can disrupt camp activities.

A health care screening will be completed prior to entering the camp for both campers and staff.

It is recommended that universal Covid vaccinations be completed for all campers, as well as boosters. Medical exceptions are acceptable in very small numbers and will be determined on a case-by-case basis to maintain overall safety.

Vaccinations are strongly encouraged. All staff and campers should be aware that there could be a quarantine if there is an exposure.

Staff who are not vaccinated will be required to test weekly for COVID.

On Site Monitoring Protocols

Camp Wilton will have on site nursing coverage 24/7; and physicians who assist with the intake each week. Physicians are also available by phone to provide assistance as needed throughout the summer.

Hand washing/sanitizing will be performed often and thoroughly throughout the day. Regular contact will be maintained with the OPWDD infection control nurse, and local office of the NY Department of Health throughout the summer, if issues arise.

Will Campers and Staff be required to Wear Masks?

For the purposes of this guidance, people are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 2 weeks after they have received the second dose series of Pfizer, Moderna, or "Mix and Match" series or >2 weeks after receiving a single dose vaccine of a single dose vaccine.

The following recommendations apply to non- healthcare setting such as camp.

Staff and campers who are **fully vaccinated** do not need to wear masks at camp, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.

For those who are **not fully vaccinated**, they will be expected to adhere to all CDC guidelines and wear the appropriate PPE, including, masks, gloves, and face shield as per existing guidelines during camp weeks in the locality.

- **Indoors.** Mask use indoors is strongly encouraged for people who are not fully vaccinated.
- **Outdoors. In general, people do not need to wear masks when outdoors.** However, particularly in areas of [substantial to high transmission](#), people who are not fully vaccinated are encouraged to wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings or during activities that involve sustained close contact with other people who are not fully vaccinated.

PPE will be provided to staff while on duty at no cost to the staff member.

Staff will be trained on donning and doffing PPE, cleaning and discarding.

Anyone who is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms is to immediately don PPE, hand wash and sanitize, distance from others as able, and get tested as soon as possible.

Cleaning and Sanitation

To limit the spread of germs at camp, we conduct increased regular cleaning and sanitizing protocols to mitigate risk. Below are some of the protocols we will follow to achieve a safe communal living environment this summer.

- Require frequent handwashing and sanitizing throughout the day. To include prior to eating drinking, after activities, when soiled or dirty, etc.
- Additional hand sanitizer dispensers and portable hand-washing stations will be installed throughout camp.
- High-touch surfaces and all common areas will be cleaned frequently throughout the day. Cleaning should be completed mid- morning, early afternoon, in the evening, and after heavy use.
- All surfaces will be cleaned using an EPA-approved disinfectant.
- Kitchen and Dining Hall will be cleaned and disinfected after each meal.
- Bathrooms should be cleaned and disinfected in the morning, in the evening, and after times of heavy use using EPA registered disinfectants.
- Wherever possible, we will try to eliminate contact with high-touch surfaces (ex. propping a door open or lid-free garbage cans, etc.)
- Windows in the cabins and shared spaces will be opened when able to increase ventilation.
- Sharing of objects such as arts and crafts material, electronics will be limited; if necessary, staff are required to wear gloves and wash all objects after use. Staff and campers will practice hand hygiene before and after contact.

The Camper Experience

For the 2022 camping season, we will be operating at a reduced capacity. Bunks will be socially distanced.

Groupings will be as static as possible by having small groups stay with the same staff wherever possible. Group size does not include staff. Individuals not fully vaccinated must be at least six feet apart in a work/activity area.

Staffing

Vaccinations will be highly recommended. All staff will need to follow all current CDC guidelines.

All staff who are not vaccinated will be required to be test for COVID weekly. Mindful that positive results may need to be reported to last week's campers.

Transportation/ Travel to Camp

- Parents/guardians should only remain in the facility the minimum amount of time necessary for drop off or pick up.
- House staff /families should take the campers temperature before arriving at Camp Wilton. Do not send your camper if he/she has a temperature of 100 or above or displaying any other symptoms of COVID-19.
- Upon arrival at camp, we will take campers' temperature. Any camper with a temperature will not be permitted to enter camp.
- House staff are to wait until given clearance to leave. This gives camp staff the chance to screen the individual.

Dining/Meals

Meals will look and feel as close to "normal" as they have in the past, with some notable exceptions.

- Groups will be spread out, utilizing the expanded outdoor tent for seating. Campers may also dine in the dining hall.
- Additionally, picnic tables are located outside of each cabin that can be used for dining if they choose to do so.
- Any buffet service will be served by kitchen staff, campers and staff will not be permitted to serve themselves. Counselors will distribute meals to campers.

What if someone becomes COVID positive?

If a camper tests positive while at camp, we will isolate that individual in a tent outside of the medical hut behind a privacy screen. Symptomatic ill individuals may need to begin medical treatment to decrease risk of complications and should be promptly in contact with their primary provider.

If the camper is unable to be picked up until the next morning, they will need to stay in the sick bay area of the nursing hut with the privacy screen closed to create a barrier. Nursing staff would need to increase their level of PPE to avoid exposure.

Parents/Guardian/Staff will need to pick up their camper within 24 hours. A phone call will be made by the nurse and arrangements will be made for pick up. Our policy, which is subject to change per CDC guidelines, is outlined below:

- Immediately isolate the camper who tests positive, if individual is able to use a mask, one should be applied.
- Screen every person in the cabin, any individuals that fail screening should be tested.

- Considering CDC guidelines for exposure, test any other individuals that meet this criteria. (See CDC reference)
- Thoroughly clean and disinfect the entire cabin and any other areas of use
- Begin twice-daily screenings of the pod (temperature checks and symptom screening)
- If a staff member becomes ill, they will isolate themselves in the staff lounge area. Mask should be utilized if possible.
- Notifications will be made to the state and local health department immediately upon being informed of any positive COVID-19, as well as our OPWDD infection control nurse, and lead Camp Wilton nurse.

Other medical considerations:

Individuals who receive nebulizer treatments will receive them outdoors under a tent to reduce aerosolized droplets from spreading.

Visitors

- All visitors must sign in the visitor's log at the director's office located in the building to the right at the main entrance.
- Visitor's must complete a screening and complete the corresponding documentation.
- Visitors must wait for a camp staff to escort them to their desired location.

This plan may change based on new guidance.