



COVID-19 Protocols (updated April 2023)

Now more than ever, kids need nature. The health and safety of our employees, youth and families we serve, and the general public are always top of mind. We closely monitor and follow guidelines and recommendations from the Centers of Disease Control and MN Department of Health. Additionally, we are actively collaborating with Camp Fire National, American Camp Association, and camp and medical professionals to plan and train for safe programs.

The protocols in this guide are subject to change throughout the year and we will continue to monitor and update this plan accordingly.

Please reach out with additional questions. <http://campfiremn.org> | info@campfiremn.org | 612.235.7284

SUMMER CAMP COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

PRE-CAMP ARRIVAL

For a healthy camp community, the Center for Disease Control, suggests the following: stay up to date on vaccinations, stay home when sick, wash hands frequently, follow [CDC Isolation - Quarantine Guide](#) if you have been exposed or have tested positive for COVID-19. In addition, we encourage Overnight Campers to take a COVID-19 test prior to camp arrival.

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS and POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES

Refer to [CDC Isolation & Exposure Guide](#) OR [MDH COVID-19 Isolation Guide](#) if you have symptoms or have tested positive for COVID-19.

Campers/Staff Should Stay Home If:

1. They have any symptoms of COVID-19, or any other illness.
 - If they have symptoms and test **NEGATIVE**, they can participate in programming if they wear a well-fitted mask at all times when indoors.
2. They have tested positive for COVID-19
 - **Day Campers** should stay home for 5 days after a positive COVID-19 test. They may return to camp after 5 days if they have been symptom and fever free for at least 24 hours. They will wear a mask when indoors for days 6-10 after exposure.
 - **Overnight Campers** should stay home for 10 days after a positive COVID-19 test and be symptom free for at least 24 hours. (Overnight campers cannot wear a mask when inside their sleeping cabin, so their isolation period is 10 days).

COVID-19 EXPOSURE (Within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.)

Refer to [CDC Isolation & Exposure Guide](#) if you have been exposed to someone who has COVID-19.

Participants/staff who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 are required to wear a well fitted mask when indoors for 10 days after exposure and should take a COVID-19 test 5 days after exposure.

**** OVERNIGHT CAMPERS – Since they cannot mask inside their sleeping cabin, overnight campers should not attend camp until 10 days after exposure.**

Any camper or staff who shows symptoms of COVID-19 while at camp, will be asked to wear a mask and will be separated from others until a parent/guardian is able to pick them up. Anyone who was in close contact with this individual will be notified.

MASKING

CDC and MDH both recommend the use of CDC COVID-19 [Community Levels](#) to determine when masks should be worn. Camp Fire staff will check community levels weekly to make this determination.

Masks will be required indoors if either of the Community Levels in Carver or Hennepin counties are High.

- **Exception: Overnight Campers/Staff** will NOT be required to wear masks in their own sleeping cabins or when they are indoors with only their own cabin group.

We will support all campers who wish to wear a mask more often. You are welcome to contact camp if you would like to discuss this further: info@campfiremn.org.

This policy may change throughout the summer, as we continue to monitor community levels and any possible impact to our Camp Fire community. We will update our policies as needed. When masks are needed, we require well-fitted face masks.

ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT SPREAD OF COVID-19

- Increased cleaning procedures for high touch surfaces.
- Additional handwashing/sanitizing stations are available throughout camp.
- Activities are outdoors whenever possible.
- Sleeping cabins are well ventilated.

STAFF POLICY: Staff are required to comply with our Mandatory Vaccination Policy, requiring staff to be up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccinations and recommended boosters, unless a reasonable accommodation is approved.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you cancel prior to or during your camp session and it is *not* directly tied to COVID-19, our standard cancellation policy remains the same.

If you withdraw your camper from camp or your camper is sent home due to COVID-19, a 15% non-refundable fee will be assessed to cover the expenses of camp in order to operate this summer. The balance of your tuition will be prorated depending on how many days your camper participated. This prorated amount may be contributed as a tax-deductible donation to Camp Fire Minnesota and will be applied to the camper scholarship fund, applied to your account for your next camp registration during the school year or future summers, or refunded. This policy applies if your camper cannot attend due to a positive COVID-19 test within the isolation period before camp or during the camp week.

More FAQs specific to summer camp are online at <https://campfiremn.org/parentresources/>