

Covid 19 Protocol for Community of Christ 2022 Youth Camps at CB

In matters of camping, Community of Christ is informed by guidelines from the CDC, state and local health departments and ACA (American Camp Association). A March, 2022, joint webinar presented by ACA, Association of Camp Nurses and CDC for the benefit of camp staff and management made these points:

- The close proximity of campers and staff in a residential (overnight) environment provides dramatically increased risks of Covid transmission. Meals and cabin/bunk sleeping quarters make this a particular issue.
- Community immunity (often called herd immunity) has not been established in any area of the US as of February 2022.
- Up to date vaccinations (as opposed to fully vaccinated) mean the individual has had all recommended vaccinations for the particular individual. For many, this will include a booster.
- Individuals who have already had a Covid diagnosis still need to be vaccinated.
- Use of masks for indoor activities where distances between campers is less than 6' is encouraged.
- The recommendation from ACA is that all campers age 5 and above and all staff for both day camps and residential camps be up to date on Covid vaccinations.

The procedures for our youth camps will be as follows.

- We encourage all campers and staff to be up to date with Covid 19 vaccinations.
- All campers and staff will be required to bring a negative PCR-based Covid 19 test to camp. (This includes those who are vaccinated.) This test must be completed within 2 days of start of camp (e.g., if camp starts on Sunday afternoon, the tests should be dated on the Friday or Saturday just before camp.)
- All campers and staff who have been vaccinated should bring copies their vaccination records. This will be useful for camp medical personnel.
- Campers and staff are encouraged to self-isolate in the days just prior to camp to lessen potential exposure.

The presence of any of the symptoms below generally suggests a person has an infectious illness and should not attend camp, regardless of whether the illness is Covid-19.

- Temperature of 100.4 F or higher
- Sore throat
- Cough (for campers with chronic cough due to allergies or asthma, a change in their cough from baseline)
- Difficulty breathing (if asthma, a change from baseline breathing)
- Diarrhea or vomiting
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever.

Each camper and staff member will be checked by camp medical personnel at check in. Mask usage is welcomed throughout the week but is optional except as described below.

Sanitation: In addition to normal bathroom cleaning and pre/post meal sanitizing, we will have supplies of sanitizing wipes, sprays and hand cleaning agents available for more frequent use. High touch areas will be frequently sanitized.

Response to suspected or confirmed cases at camp

Campers and staff should inform camp medical personnel if any symptoms develop during camp or if they generally don't feel well.

If a camper develops any of the above mentioned symptoms a parent or guardian will be informed. The camper will be isolated in a specified area supervised by staff members who have been vaccinated. All will wear masks. A rapid Covid 19 test will be administered by camp medical personnel. If positive, the camper will remain in isolation until transportation arrives. **The camper must be picked up from camp the same day as the parents/guardian are informed. If the parents or guardians may not be able to do this, please pre- arrange for alternate transportation.**

While we feel it's unlikely, if there are multiple persons who develop symptoms of Covid, camp leaders may decide to close camp early.

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