

2022 COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Diocesan Summer Camps

In order to have a safe, enjoyable, and fulfilling camp season with you all, we will implement recommendations and guidelines from the Centers For Disease Control (CDC), American Camping Association (ACA), and local and state authorities to ensure that we are taking the proper precautions for our Diocesan Summer Camps, Hye Camp and St. Vartan Camp. Our participants are coming in from several different geographical locations-- each with differing guidelines and different infection rates. Each of our participants and their families also have varying personal circumstances, and therefore different comfort levels. We want to work together to create the safest plan for all members of our camp community.

****These guidelines are subject to change at any time based on the latest recommendations from the CDC, ACA, local and state authorities, and our Medical and Legal Advisory Committee.****

VACCINATIONS:

We strongly encourage each of our camp participants to consult their Primary Care Physician (PCP) and receive the COVID-19 vaccine as recommended by their PCP so that we can reduce the risk of transmission at camp. At this time, we are not requiring COVID-19 vaccinations; however, this is subject to change based on updated recommendations and guidelines.

TESTING:

In order to attend, all participants, regardless of vaccination status, must provide documented confirmation of a negative COVID-19 test result (PCR or Antigen) taken 48 to 72 hours before your arrival to ensure test results are received before Registration Day. Documented confirmation means that the test must be done at a facility (e.g. Urgent Care, CVS, doctor's office, etc.), with the participant's name, birthdate, date of test, and test results clearly stated on the document. At-home tests will not be accepted for the pre-camp testing. Exceptions may include participants who have recovered from COVID-19 within three (3) months of arrival. These participants should provide written/photo documentation of their initial positive test along with a doctor's note.

Due to the recent rise in cases nationwide, we encourage all participants to take the test as close to arrival at camp as possible. Please take caution from the time that the test is taken to one's arrival at camp, to minimize potential exposure to COVID-19. If attendees show any symptoms of COVID-19 at check-in, camp medical staff will perform a COVID-19 test on the attendee. The Camp reserves the right not to accept individuals who display symptoms, even if the test returns negative.

Prior to arriving at camp, please upload the documented confirmation of your negative test result, along with your signed *Participant Agreement Form*, to your ACTIVE family portal.



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CHECKING IN ON REGISTRATION DAY:

We plan to hold our registration line outdoors, weather permitting. One parent or guardian may go inside to help their camper unpack; the parent must be masked when doing so. We request that all camp participants traveling from out of the region comply with all state and local quarantine rules in effect at the time at the Camp location (New York State for St. Vartan’s Camp and Illinois for Hye Camp). **All participants must wear a well-fitting mask while using public transportation to get to camp (e.g. plane, train, or bus) as well as in accompanying public waiting areas (e.g., airports, train and bus stations).**

Participants are expected to minimize risk by limiting their exposure to others outside of their home, school, and/or work in the week leading up to the event, and *especially* in the hours between their negative PCR or Antigen test and their arrival to the Camp. **We request that you stay home if you are not feeling well or if you have been in close contact with someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 within 14 days prior to your arrival.**

As a part of our regular head-to-toe check with the camp nurse, we will be taking the temperature of all incoming participants on the day of their arrival.

If you have had any known exposure to COVID-19 within the past 5 days, or a sign of any of the symptoms listed below, you will not be allowed to check-in at camp.

Each participant must also affirmatively attest at registration that they:

- *Have not experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 48 hours:*
 - *Fever or chills*
 - *Cough*
 - *Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing*
 - *Fatigue*
 - *Muscle or body aches*
 - *Headache*
 - *New loss of taste or smell*
 - *Sore throat*
 - *Congestion or runny nose*
 - *Nausea or vomiting*
 - *Diarrhea*
- *Are not required to be isolating or quarantining because they tested positive for COVID-19 or worried they may be sick with COVID-19.*
- *Have not been in close physical contact in the last 14 days with:*
 - *Anyone who is known to have laboratory-confirmed COVID-19.*
 - *Anyone who has any symptoms consistent with COVID-19.*



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DAILY CAMP OPERATIONS:

- If any participants show any of the symptoms listed above, they should report to the camp medical staff immediately. They may be asked to wear a mask while the medical staff evaluates them for COVID-19.
- While masks are no longer required, we welcome participants to wear them as desired.
- When appropriate, we will conduct some of our daily activities outside.
- We anticipate operating as close to full capacity as possible, while maintaining the availability of isolation rooms and the required six (6) feet between the participants' heads while sleeping.

WHAT IF SOMEONE CONTRACTS COVID-19 WHILE AT CAMP?

- Any individual who demonstrates symptoms of COVID-19 will be tested by the camp medical staff. If a participant displays COVID-19 symptoms while at camp, they may be asked to wear a mask, at the medical staff's discretion, while the medical staff evaluates them for COVID-19.
- The nurse will also determine the prescribed care for the individual, including whether to take the individual for a COVID-19 test offsite. If the individual tests positive, the individual's roommate(s)/cabin mates will be isolated from the rest of the camp community and follow CDC guidelines regarding isolation after exposure.
- If the individual is a camper or CIT, parents/guardians will be notified immediately by the medical staff, and they will be asked to come pick up the camper or CIT immediately. An email will also be sent to all the families of that session to notify them and inform them of the measures being taken.
- We request that the camp is immediately notified if an individual returns home from camp and tests positive within 5 days after camp. The camp will notify the families of any potentially-exposed individuals.

AFTER DEPARTURE

- We recommend you follow your local authority's regulations for travel and quarantine for the recommended amount of time.
- Monitor for symptoms and avoid immediate contact with high-risk individuals after returning from camp.
- If you test positive for COVID-19 within 5 days after camp, you are asked to immediately notify the camp so that we can start contact-tracing procedures and reduce transmission risk for other families.



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STAFF FREE TIME AND TRAVEL OFF-SITE

Staff members are allowed to go off-site during their free time, but are strongly encouraged to follow best practices and common sense while off-site to minimize risk of exposure to COVID-19. This includes but is not limited to:

- Masking while indoors
- Minimizing any close contact (within 6 feet) with individuals outside of the camp community for more than 15 minutes.

In the event that a staff member needs to take a camper or CIT off campus for a run to Urgent Care, the Emergency Room, or to the airport, both the staff member and the camp participant will be required to wear masks while indoors.

We can't wait to have a safe, fun, and memorable summer with you all!

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