

# 2022 COVID-19 Summer Camp Handbook Addendum

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We are looking forward to reconnecting and having a fun filled summer with plenty of exciting, safe, and inclusive activities. COVID-19 is still present in our communities and we have guidance in place to try and minimize transmission within our camps as well as procedures to follow should there be a positive case. Please review the following COVID-19 information prior to the start of our 2022 Summer Camp.

Please note there are updates from the previous two years of summer camp. The Chicago Park District worked with the Chicago Department of Public Health to develop these policies and procedures to ensure that our camps can be operated safely and have as few disruptions due to COVID-19 as possible.

## COVID-19 Safety Measures and Best Management Practices

For Summer Camp 2022 the Chicago Park District is implementing the following safety measures and best management practices to minimize the potential for COVID-19 transmission:

- Keeping summer camp activities outdoors to the greatest extent possible
- Limiting group sizes to a maximum of 20 campers
- Providing space to keep groups separated to the greatest extent possible
- Keeping groups together and “static” to the greatest extent possible. Any changes made to groups will be made in the first week and then groups shall remain together as static cohorts for the duration of camp.

## Face Coverings/Masks

In accordance with guidance from the Chicago Department of Public Health face covering are no longer required, however, they are strongly recommended in public indoor settings. While masks are not mandatory for Summer Camp 2022, we encourage all staff and patrons to follow this guidance and wear a face covering, especially while indoors. Summer Camp activities are primarily outside and we are supportive of all staff and patrons who choose to wear a mask outdoors as well. We ask campers to bring their own masks, but a limited number of masks will be available should their mask gets lost or damaged.

## Self-Screening for Symptoms

All staff and campers are encouraged to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and stay home if they feel sick. Each day staff and campers (parents/caregivers are responsible for screening their children) should self-screen by asking themselves the following question:

- Have you experienced any of the symptoms listed below in the past 48 hours?
  - Fever or chills

- New or unexplained onset of cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing
- New or unexplained loss of taste or smell
- New or unexplained muscle aches

### Signs of Illness at Camp

If a camper begins to show signs of COVID-19 symptoms while at camp, the camper will be separated from their group and taken to an isolation area while their parents or caregivers are notified so the camper can be picked up.

### Procedure for Reporting a Positive Case

Should a camper test positive for COVID-19, we ask that the parent/ ~~or guardian~~ caregivers to immediately notify the Park Supervisor or Camp Director. Please be prepared to provide the following information:

- The name of the camper
- The name and the park and group the camper was in
- The last date in which they attended camp
- Date they tested positive
- If they experiencing symptoms and if so, when did they begin
- The names of known close contacts within the camp program. A close contact is defined as those who have been within 6 feet for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24 hour period starting 2 days prior to the first day of symptoms or the date of the positive test if no symptoms.

The Chicago Park District will notify all identified close contacts via email or telephone call.

### When Positive Case is Identified – Isolation and Quarantine Policy

A patron who tests positive must isolate and will not be able to attend camp or use any Park facilities for five days after the day of the positive test or the day that symptoms first began. The date of the test or day symptoms began is considered Day Zero. The following day would be Day One – see example chart below

Day	Symptoms	No Symptoms
0	First date of symptoms, 7/5/22 (Isolation begins)	Date Covid test was taken 7/5/22 (Isolation begins)
1	7/6/22	7/6/22
2	7/7/22	7/7/22
3	7/8/22	7/8/22
4	7/9/22	7/9/22
5	7/10/22	7/10/22
Return to Camp (if symptom free)	7/11/22	7/11/22

If the patron has been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and their symptoms are resolving by Day 5, the patron may return to camp on Day 6 with the following precautions in place:

- From Days 6 - 10, patrons must wear a tightly fitted mask at all times, including while outdoors, except when eating or drinking.
- When masks must be removed for eating and drinking, these patrons must maintain six feet of social distance from others wherever possible.
- Patrons who are unable to wear a tightly fitted mask at all times must stay home for the full 10 days even if they are symptom free.

### Close Contact Notification

Close contacts of the positive individual will be notified via email or telephone call as soon as possible. A close contact is defined as someone who was less than 6 feet away for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period from a person who tests positive for COVID-19 starting 2 days before the infected person developed symptom, or the date they tested positive if they do not have symptoms. In most cases the all members of a summer camp group including the Rec Leader will be considered close contacts should someone in the group get COVID-19 and they had been in camp in the previous two days.

For Summer Camp 2022 the Chicago Park District has worked with the Chicago Department of Public Health to develop updated policies and procedures to minimize the disruption of camp resulting from a positive COVID-19 case. These updated policies and procedures are outlined in the Patron Close Contact Notification Form and include the following two ways that a close contact of the positive individual may remain in camp and not be required to quarantine.

### Proof of Vaccination

Campers identified as a close contact of the positive individual who are fully vaccinated (booster not required for 18 years old and younger) do not need to quarantine and may remain in camp. In order to remain in camp, the parent or caregivers of these campers will have to show proof of vaccination prior to the start of the next day of camp following notification that their child was identified as a close contact. To show proof of vaccination the parent or caregivers must present the either the original CDC vaccine card or photo copy or photo of the vaccine card to the Park Supervisor or Camp Director.

Park Staff will not physically collect any vaccination information, such as a copy of the vaccination card. Staff will just visually verify the name the card. If a copy of the vaccination card is emailed, staff will visually verify the name on the card and then delete the email.

### Test-To Stay

Campers identified as a close contact of the positive individual who are not fully vaccinated may participate in the Park District's Test-To-Stay program. If the parents

or caregivers of campers choose to participate in this program they may receive two free rapid at-home COVID-19 test kits that they can self-administer to their children. The first test should be taken on the date the free test kit is received. The second test should be taken on day five from the potential date of exposure. Here is an example chart. Please note that the date of potential exposure may be the same as the date of parental receipt of the rapid at-home test kit.

Day	Symptoms	Rapid At-Home Test Sampling
0	Date of Potential Exposure 7/5/22	
1	Date of Parental Receipt of Rapid At-Home Test Kit 7/6/22	Take First Covid Test
2	7/7/22	
3	7/8/22	
4	7/9/22	
5	7/10/22	Take Second Covid Test

The Park Supervisor will provide one box that contains two free rapid at-home test kits to the parents or caregivers of each unvaccinated camper who was identified as a close contact and chooses to participate in the test-to-stay program. Testing instructions are included in the Test-To-Stay Handout Form. Chicago Park District shall not assist in the collection of any test samples.

Parents or caregivers must show the actual rapid at-home test kit result or a photograph result to the Park Supervisor. The results or photograph of the results may be shown in person or sent via email to the Park Supervisor. Campers may continue to attend camp as long as they submit the negative test results on the required schedule. If negative test results are not provided as required, the camper may be suspended from Summer Camp.

If the parents or caregivers decline to participate in the test-to-stay program the camper must quarantine for five days following the potential exposure and may not return to camp until Day Six.

**\*All individuals identified as a close contact must wear a well-fitted face mask for 10 full days following their exposure. Masks for close contacts must be worn at all times while indoors and outdoors when they are within 6 feet of others. Patrons are responsible for supplying their own masks.**

### **Cleaning/Disinfecting and Hand Hygiene Policy**

To provide the safest environmental possible, all summer camp locations will complete routine cleaning and disinfecting throughout the facility with increased rates of disinfection

on high touch surfaces, such as doorknob, hand rails and light switches. Staff and campers will also be required to regularly wash their hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer that will be available at all locations.