

Missouri 4-H Camping COVID-19 Safety Protocol

Any youth, adult volunteer, or faculty/staff with disregard to any rules will be sent home immediately by the Camp Director.

Prior to Day-Camp

- Prepare and distribute documentation containing rules and guidelines for camp program to parents/guardians a minimum of two weeks prior to day camp.
- Communication with Local Health Officials
 - Camp will abide by all local/county health COVID-19 guidelines.
 - Faculty/staff will inform local health officials on the camp operations scheduled.

Arrival at Day-Camp

An initial health screening will be conducted for each adult volunteer, faculty/staff member, and participant upon arrival at the event. The results of this pre-screening will determine if an individual is permitted to enter the event, or not. If individual is suspected to have COVID-19 based on this assessment, then the individual will be isolated in a pre-determined area, until the individual can be picked up, or leave.

- Initial Screening Process:
 1. Ask the individual if they have any CDC recognized COVID-19 symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, fatigue, headache, muscle aches, nausea, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, vomiting, etc.) within the past two weeks.
 2. Ask if the individual has been in close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with, tested for, or quarantined as a result of COVID-19.
 3. Check the temperature of the individual using a no touch thermometer (fever of 100.4 °F or higher).

Masks and Social Distancing

- Masks will be worn at all times by faculty/staff, adult volunteers, and participants.
- Campers should bring appropriate, reusable, masks for their own personal use to camp.
 - Masks will be available, if an individual does not have their own.
- The use of face coverings or masks that have exhalation valves, or vents, will not be allowed.
- At least 6 feet of physical distance will be maintained between individuals.
- Participants will be divided into smaller groups of cohorts/familial groups for program participation and duration of the event.
 - Number and size of cohorts will be determined based on the number of faculty/staff and adult volunteers.

Sanitation

- Faculty and staff should follow and adhere to provided CDC and local rules for daily, end of day cleaning.
- Hand sanitizer will be available and all will be encouraged to use throughout the event.
- High contact surfaces will be cleaned by designated adult using CDC approved disinfectants and methods throughout the duration of the event.

Meals/Snacks

- Increase the dining space to allow for social distancing during meal/snack times.
- Make available outdoor seating for meals and snacks, when possible.
- Individuals will be encouraged to bring their own lunch.
 - If lunch will be provided by event organizer, then it will be in individual prepackaged form.
- If snacks are provided, individually packaged food items will be used.
- Campers will use disposable cups, or individual refillable water bottles for water fountains, jugs, and bubblers.
 - Faculty/staff will regularly disinfect the equipment surrounding the dispensing of water.

Activities

The following provides guidance and procedures to reduce COVID-19 exposure risk to participants and staff while participating in typical camp activities. The activities covered here are not an exhaustive list, however, similar practices for safety can be applied to other activities. Faculty/staff will refer to American Camping Association (ACA) recommended practices by activity for common camping activities, which can be found in the ACA 2021 Field Guide for Camps (Version 1.3).

- Activities will be held outdoors, when possible.
- When selecting sports and physical activities, camper groups/cohorts should be used.
- Cohort/groups should maintain physical distancing at activities.
- All shared items and equipment (e.g., bows and arrows, tennis rackets, oars, art supplies) should be properly cleaned and disinfected between use.
- When possible, the quantity of shared supplies and equipment for an activity will be limited by providing each participant their own for the duration of activity.

In the Event of a Potential Exposure, or Case

- Faculty/staff will continually monitor participants throughout the event for signs of potential illness.
- In the case of potential illness during the program, said individual will be isolated in a predetermined area until symptomatic individual is able to be picked up, or can leave.
- Immediately inform parents/legal guardians if their child is experiencing any symptoms.
- Attendance information will be collected so that case investigation and contact tracing can be facilitated should someone become symptomatic, or test positive for COVID and is contacted by Public Health to assist regarding a group-level exposure.
 - To balance protecting the private information of youth participants and assisting local health officials, public health officials will be provided the contact information for the parent/guardian (phone number, email and address) of the youth participant, as well as symptom onset date if the youth participant became symptomatic at the camp.
 - Further details about the case patient will be collected by public health officials from the case's parents/guardians.
- The 4-H state office designated contact and the Regional Director will also be informed of any potential COVID-19 exposure.