



**TWIN RIVERS COUNCIL, BSA**  
2022 COVID-19 Mitigation Plan  
Cub Scout & Scouts BSA Resident Camp  
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## Introduction

On June 17, 2022, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) released a document entitled “COVID-19 Best Practice Guidance for Children’s Camps.” The Twin Rivers Council Health & Safety Committee has reviewed this document and updated our existing resident camp COVID-19 mitigation plan, where necessary, to be consistent with this guidance. The plan below reflects these best practices, informed by our own successful camp experience in 2021. The policy will be reconsidered and updated as necessary due to changes in transmission rates in communities affecting the camp.

\*\*In the policy below, “adults” refers to adults accompanying Scouts to camp in a supervisory capacity for any length of time. It does not refer to short-term guests (i.e. drop-off/pick-up or Family Night BBQ guests).\*\*

## Prior to Camp (Be Prepared!)

- All Scouts and adults attending resident camp are strongly encouraged to be up to date on COVID-19 vaccination. (“Up to date” includes boosters for everyone who is eligible and additional primary shots for some immunocompromised people.)
  - Vaccination is the leading prevention strategy to protect individuals from COVID-19.
- COVID-19 vaccination status information must be included on the BSA Health & Medical Record for all campers, adults, and staff, including vaccine name and date(s) of administration. A photocopy of the vaccination card attached to the form is acceptable.
- All individuals coming to camp, including guests, are strongly encouraged to complete a COVID-19 rapid test prior to departure.
  - Individuals who test positive may not come to camp or transport others to camp.
- Campers, adults, or staff who test positive for COVID-19 prior to camp must be excluded from camp for at least 5 days.
  - Campers, adults, or staff diagnosed with COVID-19 may end isolation after 5 full days if the individual is fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and other symptoms have improved. Individuals must continue to mask upon return from isolation during days 6 through 10 after COVID-19 infection.
- Any camper, adult, staff, or guest who screens positive for, or exhibits symptoms of, COVID-19, or has a temperature of greater than or equal to 100.4°F must stay home. Symptomatic individuals will not be permitted to enter the camp.
- A medical screening and wellness interview will be conducted of all campers, adults, and staff upon arrival at camp.
- Camp staff training will include information about the camp’s COVID-19 policies, monitoring campers for COVID-19 symptoms, and reporting suspect cases to the Health Officer.

## Program & Prevention

- Virtually all activities at resident camp are conducted outdoors or in well-ventilated indoor areas.
- All participants, staff, and guests are welcome to wear masks where appropriate (excluding eating, bathing, and aquatic activities). When used, masks should be well-fitted and cover the mouth and nose.
- A supply of face masks will be available at camp.

- All participants, staff, and guests are encouraged to maintain appropriate social distancing whenever possible.
- Whenever possible, Scouts should be paired with another Scout from their own troop when participating in activities that require close proximity or physical contact.
- Hand washing stations and hand sanitizer will be available in all campsites and program areas, and at the dining hall. Campers will be encouraged to routinely wash their hands and to sanitize before each class and meal.
- Participants sharing a tent or lean-to are required to sleep head-to-toe to maximize social distancing.
- Common area bathroom facilities will be cleaned and sanitized daily, at a minimum, and again as needed. High touch areas will be sanitized by the staff throughout the day. Campsite latrines must be cleaned and sanitized daily, and again as needed, by the troops in the site.
- Program area tables and equipment will be sanitized regularly by the staff. Cots and high touch surfaces in campsites will be sanitized by staff between camp sessions.
- Meals will be served cafeteria style, with some “grab and go” options.

## **Screening & Testing**

- Unit leaders and staff are expected to monitor campers, adults, and staff for COVID symptoms on a daily basis. Anyone exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms is to put on a mask and promptly report to the health lodge for a COVID-19 test.
- Free COVID-19 rapid tests will be available at the health lodge.
- Campers, adults, or staff who test positive for COVID-19 while at camp will be sent home and must be excluded from camp for at least 5 days.
  - Campers, adults, or staff diagnosed with COVID-19 may end isolation after 5 full days if the individual is fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and other symptoms have improved. Individuals must continue to mask upon return from isolation during days 6 through 10 after COVID-19 infection and return to isolation when unable to mask such as when eating, sleeping, or swimming.
- If a camper, adult, or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 the local health department will be notified within 24 hours and will follow their direction for contact tracing.
  - Subject to this contact tracing, parents will be notified if their child is a known close contact.
- Campers, adults, and staff who are not up to date with vaccines or have not recovered from laboratory confirmed COVID-19 in the previous 3 months and are determined to be close contacts of a case must be quarantined from other campers/staff and will be sent home. Quarantine may end after day 5 if the individual remains asymptomatic. Campers or staff must mask upon return from quarantine during days 6 through 10 and return to quarantine when unable to mask such as when eating, sleeping, or swimming.
- Asymptomatic exposed or potentially exposed contacts who continue to attend camp should follow recommended testing:
  - Testing immediately upon learning of the exposure or potential exposure.
  - Testing on Day 5 after exposure is strongly recommended to detect infection among individuals identified as exposed or potentially exposed, regardless of vaccination status.
  - If the individual is not fully vaccinated, frequent testing (e.g., daily, every other day, at least twice within 5 days) and mask wearing from the date of exposure or potential exposure (Day 0) through at least day 5 should be strongly considered and encouraged.
  - Individuals with lab-confirmed COVID-19 within the past 3 months do not need to get tested unless they develop symptoms.
  - Unvaccinated individuals who cannot wear a well-fitted mask, including those under age 2, must be excluded from camp for a minimum of 5 days.