

Hello Camper Families!

We are looking forward to a great summer season. Our primary goal is the safety of our campers, teens, staff and volunteers. When completing your paperwork for Summer 2021, please review this document carefully as it will help you in determining whether your child will need a negative COVID test or will be eligible to use the 14-day household screening form.

The Forward Virginia Phase 3 Guidelines for Overnight Camps states:

All camps must develop and implement a plan to decrease the risk of infectious campers and staff entering the camp environment. This plan must include, but shall not be limited to, the ***requirement for a negative molecular (PCR) test within seven days prior to the beginning of camp, or a 14-day symptom screening for the camper and all persons in their household.***

Making the right choice:

- A. If your child attends in-person school within 14 days or less, prior to the start of camp, they **MUST** have a negative COVID test within 7 days prior to camp. The Virginia Health Department classifies schools as close contact and students cannot limit their exposure in school settings. The screening form is **NOT** an option in this case.

Types of tests accepted

1. A molecular or PCR test
2. Rapid or Home administered PCR test that are approved by the FDA

In both circumstances, be sure to check if test results will be verifiable and back in time for first day of camp.

- B. In order to use the screening form instead of testing the following is required:
1. You must complete a daily symptom screening log for each member of your household for the 14-day period prior to the scheduled camp session. Each member of the household should **limit close contact*** with individuals living outside of the household during this time period. Our camp participants, as well as everyone in their household, should **NOT** participate in group gatherings, weddings, events, trips or activities that would put your family in close contact with other individuals outside of your household.

We understand that parents/guardians need to work and maintain their daily routine. However, we ask that you consider the nature of your work environment and make every effort to limit close-contact with individuals outside of your household and outside of your regular work routine.

PLEASE NOTE: If your family chooses to engage in close contact* activities then your campers **MUST** provide a negative COVID test before participation. (The screening form would **NOT** be acceptable in these cases).

***Close Contact:** An exposure (or *potential* exposure) to COVID-19 is defined as having close contact with a person with COVID-19 while they were contagious. Close contact includes: being within 6 feet of a person who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period, *or* having exposure to a person with confirmed or suspected COVID-19's respiratory secretions (e.g., coughed or sneezed on; shared a drinking glass or utensils; kissing); *or* being a household contact of a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19; *or* providing care for a person with confirmed or suspected COVID-19.

- C. Keep in mind that even if you are eligible to use the 14-day screening form, you can still choose to provide negative test results instead.

We appreciate your understanding and your commitment to providing a safe camp experience for your child. Please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any questions.