

COVID-19 Summer 2022 Policy

Policy Statement: Though we're proud to have the opportunity to help youth make endless summer camp memories, our number one priority is to keep youth safe while in our care. In fact, all stakeholders (parents, campers, staff, volunteers and placement students) have a role to play to help ensure a successful camp season. To that end, and as a statement of our commitment, our COVID-19 plan and procedures are designed so that everyone can enjoy a great experience at Camp Presqu'île.

1. Background

In the event of any conflict between this policy/procedure and any legislation, or order or directive issued by the Minister of Health or the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) or Public Health, the legislation, order or directive prevails.

2. Process Description

2.1 Prior to Overnight Camping

Per section 10 of O. Reg. 503/17: Recreational Camps, all recreational camps as defined in this section are required to develop and submit a Camp Safety Plan in writing to the local Medical Officer of Health or Public Health Inspector before opening or operating the camp. This plan is to be completed and submitted by the Camp Director.

2.2 Pre-Arrival to Overnight Camp

Campers and staff attending overnight camp should limit their exposures (i.e. reduce the chances of becoming infected by limiting contact with individuals outside of their immediate household) to the greatest extent possible 5 days prior to arrival to camp.

Pre-Screening: Staff and campers are required to do at home screening prior to arrival and may use the following screening tool: [COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening](#)

Vaccinations: Children 12 years old and over must have received two doses of COVID-19 vaccine plus completed the 14 day waiting period prior to their camp arrival date, or have their documentation prepared to show proof of vaccination exemption under the Ontario Human Rights Code.

Campers or staff who are symptomatic prior to camp and are unable to arrive on their scheduled day, may enter camp later if they have complied with requirements for symptomatic individuals as outlined by public health.

If a camper contracts COVID-19 prior to camp starting and therefore cannot attend due to illness, a full refund will be issued with proper medical documentation, per our cancellation and refund policy:



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After May 15, 2022, refunds will be given for medical reasons only, with valid medical certification. All cancellation requests must be made in writing (mail, fax or email).

2.3 Arrival at Camp

Drop-off / Pick-Up: Drop-off and pick-up of campers will occur in a designated spot and time in order to support, as much as possible, cohorting and physical distancing. Parents and guardians should not enter the camp or go beyond the designated drop-off/pick-up area unless there is a need and have coordinated with camp staff.

Proof of Vaccination: Immediately upon arrival at camp, campers 12 years of age and older must show proof of being fully vaccinated with two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine plus 14 days, or provide proof of vaccination exemption under the Ontario Human Rights Code. It is preferred and strongly encouraged that campers 11 years of age and younger are fully vaccinated, however it is not required.

If proof of vaccination is not provided, the camper will not be allowed to attend camp and no refund will be issued.

2.4 General Requirements and Considerations

2.4.1 Cleaning and Disinfecting

- High touch surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected as needed, as will all shared reusable equipment (refer to Public Health Ontario's factsheet on [Cleaning and Disinfecting for Public Settings](#);

2.4.2 Hand and Respiratory Hygiene

- Frequent, proper hand hygiene will be promoted (including supervising or assisting campers, where needed) (refer to Public Health Ontario's factsheet [How to Wash Your Hands](#))
- Frequent, proper respiratory hygiene will be promoted including (refer to Public Health Ontario's factsheet [Cover Your Cough](#))
- Alcohol-based hand rub with 60-90% alcohol concentration will be available through the camp to promote good hand hygiene when access to soap, water and paper towels is not possible.

2.4.3 Physical Distancing and Cohorting

- Physical distancing (2 metres) is required by all visitors to the camp area when indoors, and is encouraged as much as possible for campers and staff and between cohorts when indoors.



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- A single cohort (cabin group) will live within a cabin with the same staff and ventilation should be optimized by using screen doors, open windows, and/or use of exhaust fans;
- Even within cohorts, personal belongings brought to camp should not be shared between individuals.

2.4.4 Masking and Personal Protective Equipment

- Masking is not mandatory, but campers and staff who wish to mask are free to do so.
- Those who do mask should change their masks regularly, or when visibly soiled, damp or damaged. Masks should never be shared, even after laundering.

2.4.5 Eating and Drinking

- Campers and staff are expected to perform proper hand hygiene before and after eating;
- Tables will be distanced at a minimum of 2-metres apart to ensure campers and staff of different cohorts are physically distanced while seated at a table;
- Eating outdoors will be prioritized, where possible. If eating indoors, physical distancing between cohorts will be maintained and staggering mealtimes between cohorts may be considered and/or required to assist in maintaining physical distancing.
- Utensils and other items (e.g. plates, cups, condiments) will be kept and dispensed in a manner to prevent cross-contamination;
- Staff involved in food preparation must follow guidance public health guidance for restaurant and food services health and safety during COVID-19;
- Cleaning and disinfection procedures must be followed for all surfaces and items used in the food-service chain.

2.4.6 Activities

- Outdoor programming will be encouraged as much as possible, and when not possible, physical distancing indoors will be promoted;

2.4.7 Regular Health Monitoring

- Staff and camper screening for COVID-19 symptoms will be conducted daily within cohort groups by cabin staff;
- Campers and staff will be instructed how to identify symptoms of COVID-19 and are to immediately notify a staff member if they feel ill.

2.5 Management of Individuals with Symptoms of COVID-19 and Reporting

If a camper or staff member begins to experience symptoms of COVID-19 while at camp:



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- The ill individual must be immediately separated and isolated in a designated space for probable COVID-19 cases that is separate from the regular health centre/first aid facility for further assessment. There, they will be given a rapid antigen test;
- Anyone providing care to an individual with COVID-19 symptoms must use appropriate droplet and contact precautions, including medical mask and gown, and where possible, maintain a distance of at least 2 metres;
- The ill individual must wear a medical mask if tolerated, and be reminded about frequent hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette;
- Whenever possible, assistance from a medical/health professional will assist with COVID-19 assessments and ensuring appropriate public health measures are followed;
- Ill individuals should remain isolated until they can be transported home or to an off-site location;
- The isolation space and any other areas of the camp where the ill individual was staying should be cleaned and disinfected once the camper or staff leaves camp and/or their accommodation;
- The Camp Director will liaise with Public Health to determine necessary next steps;
- In the event of a positive case of COVID-19, it may be necessary for all campers to leave site. Parents will be notified if there are any positive cases at camp while their children are in attendance, and be provided with follow-up steps;
- Though camps are currently not required to report individual suspect, probable or confirmed cases of COVID-19 to the local public health unit, the Camp Director will liaise accordingly with the public health contact to ensure best practices are followed;
- Overnight camps are still bound by HPPA to immediately notify the medical officer of health or public health of an outbreak or suspected outbreak of a communicable disease of public health interest;
- Control measures to prevent or mitigate an outbreak can include: defining the outbreak area (i.e. affected cohorts or entire camp); undertaking enhanced cleaning and disinfecting practices; modifications to programming and insulating the affected cohorts from others.

2.6 Closure of Camp

Camp dismissal or closure may be considered for operational reasons. In the event of a closure, refunds will be given for the duration of the camp session but will not include those days the campers were at camp, per our cancellation and refund policy:

In the event that Camp Presqu'île is required to close due to a COVID-19 outbreak, families will receive a refund for the remainder of the program.

2.7 Departure from Camp



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Parents will be asked to notify the Camp Director if their children begin to exhibit symptoms or have a positive COVID-19 test result within a week from departing from camp.