



COVID-19 Plan, March 2022

Before Your Visit

In order to lower the risk of COVID-19 entering Camp, program participants, including visiting teachers, will need to take additional safety measures prior to their arrival.

Pre-Camp Practices

We ask that all program participants limit themselves to [low risk activities](#), and follow the current recommended CDC and State guidelines wearing masks, washing hands often, avoiding large group gatherings and maintaining a physical distance. Participants should monitor for signs and [symptoms](#) 10 days prior to arrival to Camp that differ from their baseline health. Additionally, all participants, including teachers, will complete a [pre-arrival health screening form](#) prior to the departure to camp. If you have questions regarding signs and symptoms, please contact your medical provider.

Pre-Camp Screening

In addition to Pre-Camp Practices for all program participants, Camp is currently employing the following regimen. Please expect that Camp will require the following as a minimum for program participants and staff prior to attendance.

ALL Programs

Staff or participants will not be permitted to participate in programming if:

- They exhibit COVID-19 symptoms in the 10 days prior to arrival
- They have a positive COVID-19 test
- They have COVID-19 symptoms on the day of their arrival

Should a camper start to show symptoms, a parent will be called to come pick them up. They will be safely isolated and monitored until the parent arrives.

Overnight Programs with OEC Staff in the Dormitories (School Camp Program)

1. For maximum safety, we recommend all campers and school representatives take a [rapid antigen self test](#) at home prior to arrival with proof of a negative result before boarding the bus. Proof is a photo of results with the name of the participant and date on the test card.
2. Should a camper start to show symptoms, a parent/guardian will be called to come pick them up. They will be safely isolated and monitored until the parent arrives.

COVID-19 Forms

All participants, including visiting teachers, will need to complete:

- [COVID-19 Waiver](#) (students)
- [COVID-19 Waiver](#) (adults)
- [COVID-19 Screening](#) **Completed the day of departure to camp.**

Additional required forms can be found [on our website](#). Paperwork is specific to day and overnight programs. Please make sure to complete the correct required forms.

Check In and Transportation

The school staff are responsible for the 'check-in' process at each school.

- Please print the [COVID-19 Screening](#) form for families to complete at home.
- The morning of the group's departure for camp, students and school staff will need to complete a screening form which includes a temperature check.
- Teachers, collect completed COVID-19 Health Screening forms and bring to camp, along with any other required paperwork.

Direct parents that if the potential camper is exhibiting any symptoms or has a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, they will not be permitted to join us at Camp. Advise them to not bring them to school that day and follow your school's health and COVID-19 protocol.

During Your Visit

In order to lower the risk of transmission of COVID-19, we have adjusted our camp procedures, policies, and lowered our capacity. We may need to change any or all of these procedures as we adapt to the latest data and guidance from public health officials.

Any changes will be communicated prior to your arrival and announced to all participants during the first days of camp and throughout their time at camp as needed.

Mask Wearing Policy

While outdoors, campers and staff will not be required to wear masks. Masks can still be worn outdoors if the camper chooses to wear one.

Camp recommends participants and staff utilize face masks that cover both their nose and mouth while participating in indoor activities at the Outdoor Education Center.

Exceptions include:

- While sleeping, showering or brushing teeth
- While in their own sleeping area (wing)
- While eating and seated during meal times.

Face masks are required when inside the health office.

Cleaning, Handwashing and Sanitation Procedures

While the Outdoor Education Center has always employed a high level of cleanliness, we have added extra precautions and a higher frequency of cleaning certain areas. Our cleaning process follows current recommendations from the CDC and MI Dept of Health.

Handwashing continues to be a very important risk mitigation step as it helps stop the spread of germs. All staff carry hand sanitizer and there are various stations in camp buildings with hand sanitizer which will be used when water and soap are not available.

Meals

Prior to all meals, campers will be instructed to wash their hands with soap and water or utilize hand sanitizer as appropriate.

Meal Service at camp will be a mix of buffet and pre-packaged individual serving grab and go stations.

Program Areas

Camp will apply many mitigation strategies described above to our program areas at camp. In general, here are some modifications participants can expect:

- Participating within your cohort
- Maintaining physical distancing as needed when cohorts are together
- Program staff will wear masks as appropriate
- Games will be modified to support appropriate distancing.

Inside the Dorms

- Bunk beds will be labeled with specific head toe arrangements to maximize space between campers heads.
- Taking turns using shared spaces to maintain spacing, ie coatroom, showers, and bathrooms

Health Care

Daily screenings, including a temperature check, will occur for staff and participants.

If a camper or staff member begins to exhibit COVID-19 symptoms, they will be immediately removed from their cohort and isolated until they can be picked up by a parent or guardian.

Symptoms

From the [CDC website](#)- People with COVID-19 have reported a wide range of symptoms- ranging from mild to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19.

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue

- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms. The CDC will continue to update this list as they learn more about COVID-19.

Look for emergency warning signs for COVID-19. If someone is showing any of the symptoms below, seek emergency medical care immediately. These are not all possible symptoms. Please call your health care provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Pale, gray, or blue-colored skin, lips, or nail beds, depending on skin tone

Summary

The Outdoor Education Center (OEC) will be layering many different procedures and adaptations to lower the risk of spreading COVID-19. At this time, the OEC will be recommending masks in various capacities, adapting activities and schedules to provide physical distance between groups, good hygiene practices, and daily screenings. As we know over this past year, information continues to evolve and change. With these changes, so will our protocols.

We believe that we can provide a safe, fun, enriching camp experience for all the campers we serve while operating within the parameters of these safety procedures and protocols. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Cherry, OEC Director at acherry@battle-creek.k12.mi.us or call 269 -721-8161

Resources Used:

[BCPS 2021-2022 COVID-19 Response Plan -Revised March 1, 2022](#)

[Centers for Disease Control](#)

[American Camping Association -COVID-19 Resource Center](#)

[State of Michigan COVID-19 Guidelines for Camps](#)