



Keeping Safety in Mind as we Approach Summer 2022

****All Protocols are subject to change based on the most current regulations from the CDC, DPH and OEC.***

Commissioner Beth Bye, of the State of Connecticut Office of Early Childhood (OEC), has stated that it's important for camps to continue to meet their mission to assist children and families by providing 'critical childcare for frontline workers' and 'critical experiences for children' during this public health crisis.

We will continue to follow the state regulations and some of the guidance put forth in the OEC Guidelines for Youth Camp Programs.

[Memo 49](#) Revised Mask Guidance

[COVID-19 Guidelines for Youth Camp Programs](#)

For more information or access to all memos the OEC has published visit <https://www.ctoec.org/covid-19/memos/>

If you have any reason to believe that your child has a greater health risk due to a medical condition or underlying health concern you should seek medical advice before considering sending your child to camp. Parents/Guardians of campers that are at higher risk you must consult your medical provider to determine if attendance is acceptable. For full details on Higher Risk people visit the CDC website [here](#).

You need to make the right choice for your family. If you have someone in your home that is in an 'at risk' category, you should carefully consider whether sending your child to camp is the best choice at this time.

Vaccinations

The CDC strongly suggests that campers over the age of 5 get vaccinated. We do not require campers to be vaccinated, however, when you register you can indicate your camper's vaccination status.

Sick children and staff are to stay home.

We are required to communicate to parents the importance of keeping children home when they are sick. We are required to communicate to staff the importance of being vigilant for symptoms and staying in touch with camp leadership if or when they start to feel sick. We have at home test kits available for staff, counselors and campers if anyone needs to get tested for COVID-19.

Preventing Infections

Cleaning of Facility

Hartford County 4-H Camp has hired a cleaning company that will sanitize and disinfect multiple times throughout the day.

Hand washing

All children, staff and volunteers should engage in hand hygiene at the following times:

- Before and after preparing food or drinks, eating or handling food
- Before and after administering medication
- After using the toilet, coming in contact with bodily fluid
- After playing outdoors, handling garbage
- After blowing one's nose, coughing, or sneezing

Face Masks

This summer we will have a mask optional environment. Staff and counselors will not be enforcing any mask wearing rules this summer. You are more than welcome to send masks with your campers if wanted.

Symptoms & Understanding the Spread

All staff will be trained to understand the symptoms and understand the spread of COVID-19. People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of reported symptoms – from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms or combinations of symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Cough, Sore Throat
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle Pain
- Headache
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever
- New loss of taste or smell
- Chills

*This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

Symptoms at Camp and Quarantining

Hartford County 4-H Camp has taken the necessary precautions to limit infection by adding an additional entrance to the Grant House and will isolate campers if necessary.

[Updated Guidance Chart](#)

If a camper is suspected of having COVID-19 or a fever of 101 or greater a parent/guardian will be notified and requested to pick up their child within an hour. Home test kits will be provided and camper may return to camp after 24 hours with no fever and no usage of fever reducing medication along with a negative covid test (antigen or PCR), or a medical provider note stating an alternative diagnosis was ascertained such as Strep throat, ear infection, and etc.

If your camper tests *negative and is fever free*, they will be allowed to return to camp and participate in all activities.

Questions? Fill out a help desk ticket [here](#). We have qualified staff, board members and registered nurses available to answer further questions.

Additional Resources

- [CDC Covid Resources](#)
- [Connecticut Covid-19 Resources](#)
- [CT Pediatric PCR Covid-19 Testing Sites](#)
- [Vaccine Information](#)