

Covid Plan Overview

Using a variety of measures—distancing, wearing masks, cohorting, being outside and in well ventilated buildings, and washing hands—we can effectively mitigate the spread of Covid and can still have a great camp experience. No system to keep camp safe from Covid is perfect. However, by using a multi-layered approach we can effectively decrease the possibility of infection and the possibility of the spread of the infection. Keeping our campers and staff safe and healthy is our highest priority!

We have learned to be flexible throughout this past year and we will continue to be flexible. As circumstances evolve such that we need to modify our procedures and plans, we will let you know! Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Pre-Camp Low-Risk Behavioral Expectations: For a period of 10-14 days prior to arriving at camp (We will be more specific as we get closer to camp), staff and campers and the parents or guardians driving them to camp must follow strict low-risk behavioral expectations. Specifically, this means no contact with anyone outside your household, except what is mandatory for work and school; no travel except travel to camp; and following all the best practices to avoid Covid: proper mask wearing, distancing, and frequent handwashing. ***This part of the plan is absolutely critical for the success of camp this summer. We need everyone to arrive healthy! We are counting on everyone—parents, campers and staff—to comply with the pre-camp low-risk behaviors. This is the ultimate form of “Help the Other Fellow!”***

Testing: Staff and campers must have a negative result from a diagnostic test (PCR) taken within five days of arrival at camp. They should make arrangements to get a test locally and upload the results to their CampMinder account. All staff and campers will be tested at camp upon arrival and at the end of the first week of camp. The form of surveillance testing during the summer will be determined by best practices at the time camp begins. Keewaydin has contracted with CIC Health Cambridge as our Covid testing provider.

Cohorting:

- We will largely operate in cohorts this summer. The benefit of cohorting is that it greatly facilitates contact tracing and quarantining—and, most importantly, mitigates the possibility of an outbreak. As this applies to us, we will have cohorts of approximately 15-20 people (3-4 tents). Cohorts will be considered like a family, meaning that when they are together—with just themselves—they do not have to wear masks. This includes in their tents, when they eat together and when they are doing an activity which only involves members of their own cohort. Some details on cohorts:
 - Each wigwam will break down into 4-5 cohorts (Annwi may have just two).
 - Activities will largely be organized by cohort for the first week or two of camp. If cohorts consist of 3-4 tents, that means there will be 3-6 staff in each cohort to run activities. This, obviously, will limit the selection of activities that each boy can do each day, but there are certain activities that lend themselves to distancing which allow some flexibility. Canoeing and hiking are obvious examples of this, but even activities like basketball, soccer, disc golf and dramatics allow for a couple of cohorts to participate at

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the same time, as long as campers from each cohort are distanced from the other by splitting the court or field. Other activities, where the facility is more limiting, will not allow for this kind of flexibility (e.g. A&C, archery, riflery). Nevertheless, if a cohort has, for example, 12 campers and 4 staff, that group typically will have 3-4 activities to select from each activity period.

- It will be possible to have mixed cohort activities with mask-wearing and distancing.
- If people stay healthy, cohorts will be able to merge after some period of time after 7-14 days. Whatever merging might take place during the first half of the summer, we will return to step one of cohorting once the second session begins and new campers arrive.

Trips:

- Trip groups will be based on cohorts. For example, if a Moos cabin comprises one cohort of 12-16 campers and 4 staff, the kids and staff in that cabin will likely be assigned to two trips of 2 staff with 6-8 campers. The same principle will hold for other wigwams that have trips leaving within the first 1-2 weeks. For trips leaving after the first 1-2 weeks (i.e. after we've been able to merge cohorts), we may have more flexibility.
- While traveling in a van, campers, staff and driver will wear masks and windows will be open to provide fresh air. Masks will be worn at all bathroom stops, followed by handwashing and/or hand-sanitizing.
- State and Canadian rules may impact where we can trip.

Face coverings: Needless to say, we will have to get used to wearing masks a lot! This means if a person is within 6' of someone outdoors who not is a member of the same cohort (or 10' inside), a mask must be worn.

Meals:

- We will have a 40' x 80' event style tent on top of a plywood floor on the MacDonald tennis court. We will be able to seat approximately 190 outside (by cohorts, appropriately distanced). This will allow us to spread out the rest of camp (by cohorts, appropriately distanced) inside the dining hall and on the porch. Wiantinaug and Moos will eat under the tent and Annwi and Waramaug in the dining hall and on the porch.
- The exhaust fan in the kitchen will remain on whenever people are in the kitchen or dining hall; likewise, the clerestory windows and many of the sash windows will remain open. The kitchen fan is more than adequate to move air sufficiently. (Note: We brought in an engineer with HVAC expertise who made all of these recommendations for ventilation. We cross-checked these with the doctor with whom we are consulting.)

Forts (Bathroom):

- Every fort will have a trough with spigots attached to the outside--ranging from 6-12 spigots, depending on the fort. Campers will only have to go inside to use the toilets or urinals. Handwashing and teeth brushing can all be done outside. During Inspection and nighttime teeth-brushing, cohorts will be called one at a time to use outdoor sinks.

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Handwashing and Sanitation:

- Campers and Staff will wash hands prior to each meal and use hand sanitizer upon sitting at their table. Staff will apply hand sanitizer to all campers at the conclusion of each meal.
- Handwashing or sanitizing will be part of the morning inspection routine, activity check-out and bedtime routine and encouraged throughout the day. We will sanitize upon entering and exiting buildings.
- Each camper will bring two personal bottles of hand sanitizer to camp.
- Dining Hall tables and chairs will be sanitized before and after each meal.
- Bathrooms and other buildings will be sanitized daily based on the recommendations of Vermont Department of Health.

Tents and Cabins:

- Tents are already well ventilated, but we will set as protocol that flaps at either end are tied at least partially open at all times to allow for fresh air flow.
- Moos cabins, Annwi Cabin 2, Lodges, Dispensary, Office, A&C and a few other buildings will have box fans installed to facilitate fresh air exchange.

Symptom Screening: Symptom screening will be done once per day as part of morning inspection.

Quarantining and Isolation:

- If someone has Covid symptoms, he/she will go into isolation and receive a Covid test.
- If someone tests positive, he/she will remain in isolation for 10 days. Our Isolation Tents will be Browns Bay tents 6, 7, and 8, next the camp Health Center.
- A camper or staff in isolation will have access to a private sink, shower and porta potty. We will set up a program for them so that they can stay as busy, productive and active as their strength allows. In addition to being visited by the camp nurses several times per day, they will be able to have distanced visits from friends and staff. Food will be brought to them, but arrangements will be made so that people can eat with them at a safe distance. Depending on how they feel, they may be able to do physical activity, under staff supervision and at a safe distance.
- The boys and staff from a cohort in which someone has Covid symptoms will go into quarantine. If the cohort member tests positive, the rest of the cohort will remain in the quarantine cabin for 14 days. The Infirmary will be the default Quarantine Cabin for Annwi, Waramaug and Wiantinaug. It has a bathroom and running water. A Moos cohort would stay in its own cabin to quarantine. A porta potty and water will be supplied. Annwi Cabin 2 is a back-up quarantine cabin for Annwi.
- Since staff are members of cohorts, they will quarantine with their campers. There will always be staff with campers in quarantine.

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- While in quarantine, campers under the supervision of their staff, will have a full program of activities—among themselves, at a distance from other campers and staff. We'll call it Quarantine Camp!
- We will contact parents in the event that a camper has tested positive for Covid or has been put into quarantine.

Vaccine:

- ***Will Keewaydin require campers and staff to be vaccinated in order to attend camp?***
Unlikely. The vaccine will not be available to children under the age of 16 before camp. While the pace of vaccination is increasing and our hope is high that many of our staff will get vaccinated before camp, it is possible that some staff will not be able to be vaccinated before camp, due to availability in their state. Nevertheless, we strongly encourage anyone coming to camp who can get the vaccine to do so! The CDC counts summer camp counselors in the category of "child care providers," which places them in a prioritized category in many states.
- ***Will the vaccine change The Keewaydin Covid Plan?*** Perhaps, but it's too soon to tell. We will only modify our plans on the recommendations and guidelines of the State of Vermont, the CDC and our consulting physician.

Visiting Camp:

- Because of Covid, we will not have visitors on campus this summer. This includes parents, families wanting tours, friends and family of staff, etc.
- Parents and guardians bringing campers to camp by car will drop off at one of our parking lots and depart immediately. Unfortunately, they won't be able to enter the campus.
- Unfortunately, **there will not be a Mid-Season parent visiting weekend this summer.**
- Some employees—notably, those who work in the kitchen and maintenance--live locally and commute. They will have daily symptom checks and will be distanced from campers and staff and masked.

Communication:

- Staff will write parents of their campers twice per month for four week campers and three times during the summer for eight week campers.
- The Camp Director and Wigwam Directors will call the parents of all new campers during the first four days of camp.
- Parents will be able to call their children after two weeks. And, of course, parents are encouraged to write letters regularly! Campers are required to write home twice per week (except when out on a trip).
- We are renting tablets from Wednesday, July 21-Saturday, July 24 to allow full season (i.e. Eight week) campers to have 10 minute FaceTime or Zoom conversation with their parents. We will schedule these with you.

Transportation to Camp: See separate **"2021 Arrival and Departure Plan."**

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Resources:

- We are working with Dr. Laura Blaisdell, who helped us develop our plan. Dr. Blaisdell is a pediatrician, with an advanced degree in public health and epidemiology and she is one of the lead medical consultants for the American Camp Association and co-author of the "*Best Practices Field Guide*" for camps.
- We are also consulting with officials from the Vermont Department of Public Health; the American Camp Association and the Vermont Camp Association; as well as with the leadership team of the camp, the Board of Trustees and members of the Keewaydin family with relevant expertise.