

Keewaydin Dunmore 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 14 days prior to arriving at 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. Wilderness trippers will be tested before they leave camp for their trip. 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 the Wilderness trippers, the trippers are the cohort! Cohorts will be considered like a family, meaning that when they are together—with just themselves—they do not have to wear masks. While the Wilderness trippers are at camp before and following the trip, they will, for the most part, operating just as a cohort. When they are around other campers, they will be masked and distanced.

Handwashing and Sanitation:

- While at camp, before and after the trip, trippers and staff will wash hands prior to each meal and use hand sanitizer upon sitting at their table.
- 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 one personal bottle of hand sanitizer to camp.
- Dining Hall tables and chairs will be sanitized before and after each meal.

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- Bathrooms and other buildings will be sanitized daily based on the recommendations of Vermont Department of Health.

Symptom Screening: Symptom screening will be done once per day.

Quarantining and Isolation:

- We will carry Covid rapid tests on the trip. If someone tests positive, the trip leaders will consult with Keewaydin's medical staff to determine the best course of action.

Vaccine:

- Do your very best to get—it will make everything easier!

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.

Transportation to Camp:

- **Trip 1:** Arrive on June 27 between 4:00-4:30 p.m. at Van Lot. Depart on August 4 between 9:00-9:30 a.m. at Van Lot. We are providing a chartered bus from New York City to Keewaydin on June 27. To sign up for the bus go to the "Transportation Form" on CampMinder.
- **Trip 2:** Arrive on June 30 between 10:00-10:30 a.m. at Van Lot. Departure on August 8 between 9:00-9:30 a.m. at Van Lot.
- If you are flying to camp or from camp, use the Burlington, VT airport. We will provide transportation from the airport to camp and vice versa. Please provide flight information on the "Transportation Form" on CampMinder.

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.