



May 20, 2021

Dear Friends,

Yesterday, the State of New York distributed the guidelines for Summer Camps Operations during COVID-19. As anticipated a majority of these guidelines are in alignment with the CDC Guidelines issued on April 24th. We have completed an initial review of the guidance and wanted to make you aware of changes that we anticipate will be adopted for this summer in accordance with those regulations:

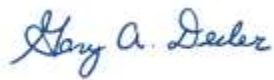
1. In order to maximize the safety of participants and fellow staff members, vaccination will be a requirement for employment on Camp Staff.
2. New York State requires that all participants and staff (youth and adult) must be able to document that they meet one of three criteria before attending camp:
 - a. Be fully vaccinated as defined by New York State
 - b. Have had COVID within 3 months of attending camp
 - c. Have secured a negative COVID-19 test, no more than 72 hours prior to attending camp
3. A camp-specific COVID-19 verification form will need to be completed by all participants certifying their completion of one of the three above standards.
4. A unit attending camp (or a group of units sharing a site) will be considered a cohort or a stable group.
 - a. The maximum campsite size is 36 campers plus adults. Units over 36 campers will be split into multiple sites. Some campsites may be sub-divided.
 - b. To accommodate the need to spread out, participants are encouraged to bring their personal tent or hammock if desired.
5. Unvaccinated participants will need to wear a mask at most times when social distancing is not possible.
 - a. For most scenarios, distancing and face masks will not be necessary for vaccinated individuals.
6. Acceptable face coverings include 2 ply cloth coverings and disposable masks that securely cover the mouth and nose. Bandanas, gaters, face shields, and the like are not acceptable face coverings per New York State.
7. All participants and staff will have temperature and health checks upon check-in and then twice daily.
 - a. Anyone with a temperature over 100.4 degrees or with COVID-19 symptoms will be placed in quarantine and will need to go home as soon as possible, no later than within 24 hours.
8. Visitors to camp must be approved in advance by the Council prior to any visit. Unscheduled visitors will not be admitted. It is possible that visitors will not be allowed depending on capacity and other safety factors. Current New York State guidelines require that all visitors to camp be vaccinated.

In the coming days, we will be further reviewing this guidance with the Cattaraugus County Department of Health, our Risk Management Committee, and the Summer Camp Leadership Team. We will update everyone accordingly as the situation develops. Additionally, the Summer Camp Team will be releasing a complete Program Guide no later than June 7th with these changes reflected.

We are looking forward to a great and healthy summer and we hope you will be able to join us for summer camp this year! If you have any additional questions or need to modify a reservation you can contact Bob Blatz, Council Operations Manager, at (716) 512-6215.

Yours in Scouting,

Gary A. Decker

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Scout Executive & CEO