

NYS COVID POLICY – July 21 2021 v.2



June 21st Update:

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Face Masks/Coverings

- *After consulting with the City's Health Director and reviewing current conditions, NYS will begin requiring masks indoors for anyone who is NOT fully vaccinated beginning July 28th. We will continue to review the number of local cases and the prevalence of the Delta variant as it pertains to children*
 - *Please note that the Partnership between the Newburyport Tennis Club and other local businesses and NYS allows the businesses to follow their own policies in line with State Regulations- Tennis is offered both indoor and outdoor sessions this summer.*
- *All NYS programs will run outdoors when possible.*
- *Any child unable to wear a mask for health reasons may notify the NYS office*
- *Masking is not required for anyone when outside including in the act of playing sports and other activities.*

Recreational Camps and Programs must comply with MA state or local requirements or orders in response to COVID-19. Licensed Recreational Camps must comply with 105 CMR 430.000: *Minimum Standards for Recreational Camps for Children: State Sanitary Code Chapter IV.*

The state has outlined both requirements and suggested guidelines, effective **May 29, 2021**. These guidelines include important mitigation strategies that limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus. While not required, NYS has carefully considered the benefits as well as the balance of risk vs emotional needs for your children in designing their summer programs.

Considerations

- Newburyport currently has had an average of 0-1 case of COVID per week
- Children under 12 are currently unable to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. The Department of Public Health (DPH) strongly recommends that programs continue to limit group sizes and be aware of the risks of larger cohorts when campers and staff are not fully vaccinated. By maintaining smaller cohorts, programs will reduce the number of individuals who may need to quarantine should a COVID-19 case be identified.
- The majority of our staff is fully vaccinated. Per [CDC guidance](#), fully vaccinated individuals do not need to wear a mask indoors or outdoors, do not need to socially distance while at camp, and do not need to quarantine after exposure to COVID-19 unless symptoms develop.

Definitions

Fully Vaccinated: an individual is fully vaccinated 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine

Recreational Program: any municipal or recreational youth programs not traditionally licensed as camps or as

childcare facilities.

Staffing and Operations

- **NYS will ensure adequate staffing to supervise sick campers and to accommodate cleaning requirements**
- **Documentation collected (screening documentation, surveillance and medically necessary COVID-19 testing results, previous positive test results) must be maintained in a confidential manner and recorded in campers/staff health files in accordance 105 CMR 430.150; 155-156.**
- *Camps should congregate unvaccinated staff/campers in a way that allows for 3 feet of distancing between masked individuals indoors. Social distance should be maintained during indoor meals. Limit or promote activities to those that can maintain social distancing.*
- *Make enrollment capacity decisions based on the ability to maintain three feet of distance between unvaccinated individuals in all camp buildings where campers/staff are anticipated to be during the day and in temporary emergency shelter locations.*
 - Ensure that ventilation systems operate properly and increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible by opening windows and doors, using fans, and other methods, unless doing so creates a hazard.
 - **Larger programs will only be moved inside if space allows for distancing, fresh air and cleaning**
- *Non-essential visitors, who are not vaccinated, (including parents or other individuals with no essential purpose for coming onsite) should be limited to the maximum extent possible*
 - **We have returned to normal pick up and drop off, we feel the opportunity to meet parents/guardians and connect face to face is invaluable.**
- **NYS encourages eligible staff and campers to be vaccinated for COVID-19 prior to attending camp.**

Cohorts

- *Unvaccinated camp staff and campers should be grouped in cohorts that remain consistent. The smallest practical group size should be considered.*
 - **We will be keeping cohorts under 25 children.**
- **Staff will be assigned to the same cohort for the duration of the program session. Staff should not float between cohorts, unless needed to provide supervision of specialized activities or to provide breaks for other staff.**
- *Camps may have multiple cohorts of campers and counselors in the same area, but should maintain 3 feet of distance between cohorts.*

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- **Masking is not required for campers when outside including in the act of playing sports and other activities.**
- *Masks and cloth face coverings should be routinely washed or replaced, depending on the frequency of use consistent with [CDC Guidance](#).*
- *Masks/face coverings should be provided by the camper/parent if you would prefer your child wear one, but*

camps should have a sufficient supply of reusable or disposable masks to provide to campers or staff when requested.

Screening and Monitoring

- **Screening: NYS will not require pre-screening for programs at this time. However, we ask all parents to not send their child if they are sick or showing any symptoms of COVID or any other illness.**
- *Staff should actively monitor children throughout the day for symptoms of any kind. Camps/programs must have a non-contact or temporal thermometer on site to check temperatures.*
- *Keep track of individuals that staff and campers interact with during the course of the day in the potential case of exposure.*

Hygiene and Handwashing

- **NYS will continue to implement proper hand hygiene practices and frequency for both staff and campers including handwashing when necessary, including but not limited to: arrival at camp, before and after meals, after bathroom use, after coughing/sneezing, and after contact with bodily fluids or surfaces that may be contaminated.**
- *Drinking containers must never be shared.*

Isolation and Quarantine

- *In the event that a camper/staff tests positive for COVID-19 or is identified as a close contact, they must isolate or quarantine until they have met the requirements for discontinuing [isolation or quarantine](#).*
- ***Vaccinated individuals who are exposed to COVID-19 do not need to quarantine.***
- *Programs will designate a separate space to isolate individuals with COVID-19 symptoms. Families will be contacted and must get tested before returning to the program.*
- *Symptomatic campers/staff must be isolated immediately and supervised at all times by dedicated staff member(s). Others may not enter the isolation space without PPE appropriate for the care setting.*
- *If a symptomatic individual tests negative, they may return to activities after their symptoms have improved, and have been without fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.*
- *Camps/programs must work with the local board of health or the Community Tracing Collaborative to help identify and notify close contacts and for guidance on quarantine requirements.*

Cleaning, Disinfecting and Sanitizing

- **Cleaning and disinfection of shared sports equipment shall be in accordance with [CDC Guidance](#).**
- *Develop a plan in accordance with [CDC Guidance](#) for camp/program cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing practices and frequency. Clean surfaces first and use EPA-registered disinfectants and sanitizers for use*

against COVID-19, as appropriate. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for application, including contact and dry-times, and proper ventilation. Do not spray chemicals around children.

Transportation and Travel

- *Planned trips to surrounding areas and recreational facilities are permitted.*
 - *While off-site, camps/programs must comply with applicable face covering requirements and must plan for how they will isolate a camper/staff who develops symptoms and arrange for separate transportation to seek medical care from the off-site location.*
- *Cohorts should be maintained to the extent possible during all transportation and travel.*