



Summer Camp Session 2021 COVID-19 Safety FAQ

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New June 15th: Clarified Mask policy – only required when campers are with campers from other pods and where social distancing is not possible (e.g. indoors, use of storm shelter, etc....).

Camp Ajawah's commitment to safety. Camp directors and staff are working hard to prepare for a fantastic 2021 summer. The health and safety of the Camp Ajawah community will continue to be a priority during this time. As CDC and Minnesota Department of Health guidelines continue to evolve, we will adjust to fit the needs of the 2021 camping season. Updates will be emailed and posted on our website.

Prior to Arrival

What is required of campers and staff before arrival? Campers and staff must have a negative PCR COVID-19 test result from 1-3 days prior to arrival. Campers are requested to exercise caution in the 14 days prior to camp including use of masks in indoor public settings and avoiding large crowds. If campers or their family members develop symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or have a positive test result within 14 days of session start they must contact the camp medical team on next steps. Review our [testing guidance document](#) which includes more details and locations where you may obtain a PCR test.

How will drop off change? Drop off will look very different this year. We request campers be transported to camp by just one adult. Campers will have a temperature check and health screening performed on arrival. Drivers will remain in the car. We will stagger arrival times for campers to avoid crowding – more information about this will be sent prior to session start.

What if my camper doesn't meet the screening criteria when we drop them off? Unfortunately, if a camper does not meet our prearrival screening criteria, they will not be permitted to join us at camp. Space permitting, they may be able to join us for a session later in the summer.

Should we pack differently this year? Yes refer to the [updated packing list](#) for changes related to the shorter sessions and COVID-19 protocols.

Safety Practices while at Camp

What is camp doing to protect campers and team members while at camp? We are making changes to our camp protocols which include screening campers and staff on arrival, physical distancing, use of small groups (called "pods"), wearing masks when it is not possible to maintain social distancing with campers from other pods (such as certain indoor activities), daily symptom checks and increasing our vigilance around building, cabin, and bathroom sanitation. There will be more handwashing and hand sanitizer stations located throughout camp. Regular handwashing and good hygiene practices will be required. We will be cleaning tents and high traffic areas between sessions. Food service will change to eliminate large group gatherings to meet the current requirements of the CDC.

Note: Campers who repeatedly and willfully disregard COVID-19 precautions will be sent home from camp.

How will you be handling campers or staff suspected of having COVID-19? We will continue to adhere to guidance from the CDC and Minnesota's Department of Health, and local officials if we suspect that a camper has COVID-19. Any camper or staff member that exhibits symptoms will activate our COVID-19 Response



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Plan, which will include isolation from the camp population until a negative test is confirmed or removal from camp if COVID-19 or other communicable illness is confirmed or strongly suspected .

How will you be handling campers or staff with confirmed direct exposure to COVID-19? Your camper's safety is our number one priority. Camp Ajawah will use contact tracing to determine if any campers were directly exposed to confirmed COVID-19 cases while at camp. Family members of campers who were directly exposed will be contacted immediately. We are still in the process of finalizing protocols with guidance from CDC and MN Department of Health. We will update this FAQs with more protocol detail.

Are staff prepared and trained to handle any outbreak of COVID-19? Staff will be trained on the COVID mitigation plan and COVID Response Plan prior to opening. Additional staff roles are being added to support the increased safety protocols involved in operating safely.

Will masks be required at Camp? There are limited times during which campers and staff members may be required to wear masks this summer, such as when it is not possible to maintain adequate social distancing between campers from different pods (e.g. an indoor activity involving campers from multiple pods). Outdoor programming, and keeping the campers together in their pods should minimize the need for masks. Please refer to the packing list to ensure your camper brings the correct number and style of masks to camp.

Will camp be allowing visitors? Will Campers Leave camp? Visitors to camp will be very restricted this summer, such as required deliveries. Campers will not be in contact with visitors and will not be able to leave the property during their session.

Will staff be vaccinated? We are highly encouraging any staff members that qualify to be vaccinated, but are not requiring vaccination.

Programming

What are pods and how will they be used this summer? Pods are small groups (15 or less) of campers and staff who will stay together and do all activities together while at camp. Based on negative tests prior to arrival, pods will be able to relax COVID protocols within their pod.

What activities will be changed or eliminated during the 2021 session? Campers will remain with their small pods for the duration of camp so activities which require the entire camp population to interact will be suspended or modified (such as meals) to maintain the required social distancing between pods. There will not be any off-camp activities this year. Also, the Trading Post will operate differently this year to avoid crowding. More details will be added to this FAQ as we get closer to camp.

Will the Final Campfire sendoff change? Both drop-off and pick-up will happen with minimal contact. We will not be able to offer the traditional final campfire with families this year. Campers will experience a meaningful and fun sendoff on Thursday night, before pickups begin on Friday.

How will changes to CDC or MN Department of Health guidance change your plans? Camp Ajawah will monitor the evolving COVID-19 situation and applicable guidance and will make changes to our procedures as appropriate.

Finances

What is your cancellation policy?



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If our program offering this summer changes because of current circumstances, or your ability to attend camp changes, please know we will work with each of you. If we need to cancel a program, a refund will be generated (including deposit), and no action is necessary. If you are required to cancel your camp session, we will provide a few options:

1. Refund: refund, less deposit, according to the COVID-19 policy.
2. Donate: instead of a refund, make a donation to support Camp Ajawah.
3. Apply your fees to the 2022 camping season.

Please contact us to assist with any cancellation questions.

Is there financial support available to help pay for camp? Yes. As always, we never want to turn anyone away because of their financial situation. Please contact the registrar at ajawah@wpc-mpls.org for financial assistance information, we want campers to be able to experience camp this summer:

I know this has been hard for Camp Ajawah. How can I help?

For those who are able and interested, please make a gift at www.ajawah.org/donate. We appreciate all the support of the Ajawah family!