

COVID-19 Positive Case Protocol for 2023 Summer Camps

COVID-19 continues to circulate in our communities and positive cases may be reported during a university-sponsored summer camp. The following guidelines are provided to assist summer camp operators in addressing positive COVID-19 cases during their camp:

- A. **WHEN A CAMP PARTICIPANT DEVELOPS SYMPTOMS SUSPICIOUS FOR COVID-19** such as sore throat, runny nose, cough, headache, body aches, or fever ($\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$), the participant should be isolated and asked to wear a face mask. Arrangements should be made for medical evaluation if written consent is available. For minors with no existing consent for medical treatment, camp personnel should contact their parent/guardian for consent or to arrange for the participant's return home. An appointment can be scheduled at the Student Health Center for medical evaluation and testing of participants 12 or older by calling 512-245-2161.
- B. When **ONE POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE** is reported during a summer camp, the following actions are recommended:
- Isolate the infected person and ask them to wear a face mask (surgical or KN95) when around others.
 - Infected persons should return home for isolation as soon as possible and follow the CDC guidelines for isolation ([Isolation and Precautions for People with COVID-19 | CDC](#)).
 - Program staff must implement a plan for monitoring the health status of a minor while waiting for their parent/guardian to pick them up. Written consent should be obtained via text or e-mail for administering Advil or Tylenol for fever, headache or muscle aches if there is no written consent already in place; a medication log documenting any medication administered, dose, date, time, and person administering must be kept.
 - If the infected person had a roommate, they should be considered exposed. A face mask (surgical or KN95) should be worn when around others when indoors for 10 days since last exposure to the positive case. The exposed person may continue to participate in activities. The exposed person should monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 such as sore throat, runny nose, cough, headache, body aches, headache, or fever ($\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$) and contact camp personnel immediately if symptoms develop.
 - If other persons who spent a significant amount of time in close contact with the infected person indoors can be identified, they should also wear a face mask when around others indoors. They may continue to participate in activities but should monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and contact camp personnel immediately if symptoms develop. Exposed persons should get a COVID-19 test (PCR or rapid antigen test) after 5 days since last exposure to the positive case.
 - The program operator should notify program participants that a positive case has been reported and advise them to monitor for symptoms of illness; anyone who develops symptoms of illness should immediately notify camp personnel.
 - Programs with minors should also notify parents/guardians of the positive case report and plans to monitor for additional cases.

- C. If a **SECOND POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE** is reported during a summer camp, the following actions are recommended:
- Isolate and mask affected persons as noted in section B above
 - Exposed persons should get a COVID-19 test (PCR or rapid antigen test) after 5 days since last exposure to the positive case.
 - Notify program participants that a second positive case has been reported and advise them to monitor for symptoms of illness; anyone who develops symptoms of illness should immediately notify camp personnel.
 - Programs with minors should also notify parents/guardians of the second positive case report and plans to continue monitoring for cases. Should another positive case be reported, the program operator will consult with the university's chief medical officer to determine further actions.
- D. If a **THIRD POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE** is reported during the summer camp, the following actions are recommended:
- Isolate and mask affected persons as noted in section B above.
 - Notify program participants that a third positive case has been reported and advise them to monitor for symptoms of illness; anyone who develops symptoms of illness should immediately notify camp personnel.
 - Program operators should contact Dr. Emilio Carranco or Dr. Sarah Doss at the Student Health Center at 512-245-2161 to discuss details of the cases and recommendations for further actions.

Program operators are reminded that face masks cannot be required—only strongly recommended. COVID-19 testing may be required, but written consent must be obtained from parents/guardians when minors are involved. While these guidelines provide recommendations based on positive case reports, program operators with questions not addressed by the guidelines may contact Dr. Carranco or Dr. Doss at the Student Health Center to discuss.

The Student Health Center has surgical masks and rapid antigen tests in stock should a program need to purchase these items. For additional information, call the Pharmacy Supervisor at 512-245-3590.