

## Summary of Health Department Guidance for Summer Camps

The following summary is provided for summer camps. Because of the current overall risk in Philadelphia masking in indoor public settings is strongly recommended.

Camps are urged to hold activities outdoors as often as possible.

### Masks

- All camps must abide by local health guidance. PDPH strongly recommends masking **indoors** for adults and children aged 2+.
- If 5% or more of your camp's population is positive for COVID-19, the PDPH strongly urges enforcing 10 full days of required masking for the entire camp. Please reach out to [covid.schools@phila.gov](mailto:covid.schools@phila.gov) for support and resources.
- PDPH recommends other mitigation measures such as distancing, frequent hand washing, and optimizing ventilation such as opening windows/being outdoors as much as possible.
- On private or public school/camp busses, masks are strongly recommended.

### Prevention

- Vaccination is the best defense against COVID-19. For resources on vaccines, go to <https://www.phila.gov/vaccine>.
- PDPH has masks and at-home tests **for ongoing usage** and for outbreak testing. For more information on at-home tests or masks, call (215) 685-5488 or email [covid.schools@phila.gov](mailto:covid.schools@phila.gov).

### Reporting

- All cases must be reported directly to REDCap through a daily email. If you are not receiving a daily REDCap and need to report cases, please call (215) 685-5488 or email [covid.schools@phila.gov](mailto:covid.schools@phila.gov).

### Return to Camp

- Any child, staff, counselor, or staff reporting positive test results or showing symptoms of COVID-19 cannot attend without a negative test. Symptomatic students who test negative must strictly follow mask guidance until resolution of symptoms regardless of vaccination status.

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### Quarantine Options

All close contacts should mask at camp when around others after an exposure, regardless of vaccination status.

Camp Exposure Option	Masking	Testing	Recommended Groups
1) Mask to Stay*	10 days (no test) OR 7 days (test on day 5)	Within 48 hours and at 5 days (recommended but not required)	All 2+ unless unable to mask
2) Test to Stay	7 days	Every other day for 7 days	All 2 to 5, regardless of vaccination status  All 5 through 18+ not up to date Check if you are up to date on COVID-19 according to the CDC <a href="#">here</a> .
3) Quarantine at home for 10 days	n/a	Recommended on day 5	Unable to mask (including under 2)


\*Refer to Mask to Stay in [Schools guidance](#) for more details on implementing Mask to Stay.

Close contacts with confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days (tested positive using a **viral test**) should test using an antigen rather than a PCR test due to the chance of persistent positives in this time frame. These individuals do not need to quarantine but must still mask.

### Isolation

- The isolation period for camps with shortened isolation is 5 days from positive test collection or onset of symptoms.
- Shortened isolation is only available to individuals who can mask. Anyone who cannot mask must complete a 10-day isolation.
- If symptoms develop, isolation period must be recalculated from the start of symptoms.
- Ending isolation is based on symptoms improving and 24 hours without a fever and fever reducing medication. Otherwise, continue isolation until the above criteria have been met.
- Shortened isolation periods are contingent upon the individual being able to mask for 5 days, and the facility having mitigation measures in place: optimized ventilation, a separate area for individuals to eat (and/or sleep, if applicable) for days 6-10



- For full guidance on shortened isolation, scan here: 
- Pauses may be recommended for an entire school or specific cohort (e.g., an entire grade) in exceptional circumstances when the large numbers of cases or close contacts present logistical and safety concerns. If the individual's cohort or school is paused by PDPH, then the individual should not attend camp or any camp-related activities.

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