



COVID-19

Guidance for Children’s Day Camps and Youth Sports Camps *Effective June 1, 2020*

Residential overnight camps are prohibited in June. Decisions for July and August overnight camps will be made in mid-June.

Children’s residential camps that choose to operate as day camps must work with the Colorado Department of Human Services and their [local public health agency \(LPHA\)](#) for approval.

Day camps, including mobile and outdoor camps, must operate with restrictions and strong precautionary measures, as specified in the guidance below.

GUIDANCE FOR CAMP OPERATORS	REGARDING EMPLOYEES	REGARDING CAMPERS
<p>Prior to camp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Establish a plan that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capacity and registration of campers that accommodates required physical distancing (6 feet) and maximum group size (25 and fewer outdoors, 10 or fewer indoors per room with four walls and a door). Physical distancing and group-size requirements apply to all camp activities, including transportation, eating, and recreational activities. ○ Established groups of up to 25 outdoors and 10 indoors per room must not mix with other groups during any part of the day. ○ The availability of substitute staff if staff or volunteers become ill or are exposed. ○ The establishment of protocols for responding and reporting cases to health care staff, local public health authorities, and CDPHE. ● Ensure space is available to isolate ill staff and campers (cots, bedding, restrooms, and supervision). ● Provide adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) for staff who supervise and care for ill campers, staff, and volunteers. ● Ensure the on-call availability of a nurse or health care professional. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Screen staff and volunteers for symptoms and close-contact exposures upon arrival to ensure they are symptom-free before they are cleared to work. (Additional Guidance). Encourage sick employees to use the CDPHE Symptom Tracker. ● Consider testing and temperature checks for staff and volunteers who show symptoms. (Additional Guidance) ● Send home staff and volunteers with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or other communicable illnesses and recommend testing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Screen campers for symptoms and close-contact exposures at drop off, pick up, to ensure they are symptom-free before they are deemed able to attend. ● Consider testing and conducting temperature checks for campers who show symptoms. (Additional Guidance) ● Send home campers with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or other communicable illnesses with a recommendation to get tested immediately (Testing for COVID-19) and adhere to isolation and exclusion

- Ensure access to public restrooms, drinkable water sources, and picnic or other eating areas during activities at outdoor locations.
- Train camp staff on current executive and public health orders in Colorado.
- Train camp health care staff on prevention, transmission, and care of COVID-19 illness.
- Prepare for closures following a case or outbreak of COVID-19.
- Require masks and physical distancing during transportation to and from the camp.
- Ensure sufficient handwashing/hand sanitizing locations and supplies are available.
- Ensure adequate cleaning and disinfecting supplies.
- Camps designated for children with special health care needs are strongly advised not to operate.

While camp is in session

- Outdoor camps may be held with up to 25 campers in a group. Indoor camps remain at 10 campers per room which includes four walls and a door. Cohorts must remain with their group and not mix with other groups during structured time or free time.
- Stagger drop-off and pickup times to avoid large groups and allow for screening.
- Require staff and campers with suspected exposures, such as ill household contacts, to be sent home with a recommendation to get tested immediately ([Testing for COVID-19](#)) and adhere to requirements for isolation and exclusion. ([How to Isolate](#))
- Stagger meal times and prohibit self-serve foods, including buffet and family-style meal service.
- Provide guidance and signs to maintain required physical distancing, respiratory etiquette, and hygiene.
- Post relevant information from federal, state, and local health agencies about behaviors that mitigate the spread of disease.
- Ensure sufficient cleaning and disinfecting of commonly touched surfaces, equipment, and vehicles throughout the camp, especially in areas used for the temporary isolation or quarantine of ill or exposed staff, volunteers, and campers.
- Whenever possible, limit activities that are not conducive to the required 6 feet of physical distancing or could pose a safety hazard when campers and staff are physical distancing.
- Single-night overnight excursions are permitted so long as the campers and staff remain strictly cohorted.

- Require staff or volunteers sent home to adhere to [isolation](#) and exclusion requirements.
- Establish protocols for staff and volunteers to alert health care staff of symptoms in themselves or campers.
- Determine if any staff or volunteers are at a higher risk for COVID-19 and consider whether job duties that don't involve interaction with others are advisable.
- Staff and volunteers, to the extent possible, should remain with the same group of campers and maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet whenever possible, including during meals and recreation.
- Require handwashing upon arrival, before eating, and at regular intervals throughout the day.
- Require masks or face coverings whenever possible.

IF THERE IS A CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19 AMONG CAMPERS OR CAMP STAFF

- The camp **must** notify and cooperate with their local public health agency on next steps.
- Local public health agency contacts can be found [here](#).
- Outbreak guidance for non-healthcare facilities can be found [here](#).

- requirements. ([How to Isolate](#)) Provide frequent communication with all families of enrolled campers related to the occurrences of COVID-19 at the camp, the camp's responses, and all issues in the public health order.
- Educate campers about COVID-19 and the related protocols, and address their fears and questions.
- Establish protocols for campers to self-report symptoms to staff, volunteers or health care staff.
- Campers, to the extent possible, should be kept in stable groups of 25 and fewer outdoors (but must stay at 10 and fewer indoors per room) with the same staff and counselors and maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet during eating and recreation.
- Require handwashing upon arrival, before eating, and at regular intervals throughout the day.
- Require masks or face coverings whenever possible.

