

Camp Dark Waters COVID-19 Policy

This is a working document that may be amended as we learn new information and receive further guidance from the Federal and State Governments, the CDC and other agencies. We are confident that the measures outlined below will enable us to run a safe, fun and successful summer in 2025. We will continuously monitor and, when necessary, update this document leading up to and throughout the 2025 summer camp season.

As long as the COVID-19 pandemic continues, there are no measures we can take that will completely eliminate the risk of infection or transmission. In order to reduce the risk of infection and minimize the risk of severe illness, we will continue to require all campers, staff and volunteers to be vaccinated against COVID-19, receiving at least the full initial vaccination course. We also strongly recommend that people receive all boosters for which they are eligible.

Change Days & Picking Up / Dropping Off Campers.

Change days are very busy at camp, with two sessions worth of campers and their families all being on camp within a short period of time. To make arrival, departure and check-in/out safer, and lower the chance of exposure, we will have the following measures in place:

1. If you or your child and/or a member of your household are feeling unwell, please stay home and contact CDW.
2. Symptom screening: the camp nurse will check your camper(s) temperature and will ask to confirm that your camper(s) is/are not experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 at check in.
3. You are asked to limit the number of people you bring to drop your camper off or pick them up. Wherever possible, please only bring the camper(s) who will be attending camp that session.
4. We require confirmation that parents and guardians have a reliable way to pick up campers within 8 hours, at any point during their stay at camp in the event that your camper becomes positive for COVID-19 while at camp.
5. Unlike previous years, masks are not required during pick-up / drop-off. Masks will be available for anyone who feels more comfortable wearing one.

Life at Camp

Strongly recommending vaccination and maintaining vaccine levels as high as possible allows us to return to a program structure nearly identical to our pre-COVID operations. We will continue a few things from years previous to help keep us all safe and healthy, such as:

- We will continue to be cautious about trips, and may ask campers and staff on trips to wear masks, depending on the location, number of people present etc.
- Testing of anyone who displays 2 or more symptoms of COVID-19
- Masking, distancing and, potentially, isolation in the event of a suspected positive case

Steps Taken Upon a Confirmed COVID-19 Case

1. Camp Dark Waters will test and monitor any camper who exhibits symptoms of COVID-19. In the case of a positive test, the camper will be isolated and the family/guardian will be notified so the camper can be picked up and taken home.
2. By strongly recommending vaccination and maintaining vaccine levels as high as possible, we are hoping to be able to continue with camp in the event that we have a positive case. This is contingent on both CDW's determination of the risk of further spread AND any guidance set forward by the Department of Health.

Refund Policy

Families will receive a full refund if their camper is not able to attend because of COVID-19 exposure or illness. We will offer partial refunds for campers who have to leave camp because they test positive for COVID-19 while at camp, or in the event that camp is forced to close early.