

**Grand Columbia Council
Camp Bonaparte Summer Camp 2021
COVID 19 Policies**

Please note, this is an evolving document, and as information changes, so will our COVID-19 guidelines for Summer 2021.

Introduction:

Grand Columbia Council (GCC) has spent the last season monitoring how the camping industry has responded to COVID-19. While most camps did not open during the 2020 summer, several camps did open with success when proper protocols were followed. The camping industry has learned from these successes and learned how to adapt program to have a quality experience. We have taken these camps' experiences alongside recommended practices to create this document to operate camp safely in 2021. The information surrounding COVID-19 is constantly changing and evolving. This document organizes procedures published by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and American Camp Association (ACA) into the GCC's set of policies. The current guidelines outlined below intend to provide camp families and staff with information about how GCC is adopting policies and procedures to mitigate the risk of COVID-19. These guidelines have been created in consultation with the Grand Columbia Council Risk Management Committee, county health departments, and outside experts.

These health protocols may adjust as we continue to review the latest data and guidance from public health officials.

Important Note: Precautions cannot fully prevent the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness while at Grand Columbia Council camps. Persons with COVID-19 may show no signs or symptoms of illness, but still spread the virus, and people may be contagious before their symptoms occur. It is possible that someone with COVID-19 may pass the required health screenings and be allowed into camp.

By attending or participating in camp as a camper, volunteer, or staff member, you are agreeing to follow, and consenting to be bound by, the following guidelines.

Preparing for Camp:

- BSA Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist will be required for each participant prior to camp. These documents must be submitted upon arrival.
- Sick individuals (temperature above 100.4 °F) are not eligible to attend camping programs.
- Health form requirements as determined by the Boy Scouts of America will be followed – status of these requirement will be updated on the Summer camp 2021 webpage.
- All members of the unit must have at least a 2oz. bottle of hand sanitizer on their person and use it frequently.

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Check in/Screening:

- Units will park in main parking lot and stay in their vehicles until a staff member comes to check them in. Procedures for each camp will be discussed during required leaders meeting.
- If youth or adult in the vehicle has symptoms, fever, or have been in known contact with an individual with COVID-19, the vehicle will be sent home.

Testing During Camp:

- GCC will work with outside vendors for any testing requirements. At this time tests will not take place on the property.

Sanitations Protocols:

- Sanitation protocols will follow CDC guidelines.

Enhancements:

- Increased access to handwashing or sanitizer stations across camp.
- Hand sanitizer and or hand washing stations will be provided in every building and high traffic areas.
- Handwashing will be required prior to all meals.
- Our staff will clean all bathrooms, shared spaces, and high traffic areas multiple times each day.
- Bathrooms will be sanitized frequently throughout the day between deep cleanings.
- Program equipment will be sanitized.
- Additional signage will be posted through camp as a reminder of these health protocols.

Communication:

- If there is a confirmed positive case of COVID-19, we will notify all campers' unit leaders by phone, while maintaining confidentiality consistent with the current privacy laws. We are unable to share names or identifying information regarding medical information for any camper or staff member.
- Each participant will receive a post event follow-up sheet with directions in the event a participant develops symptoms and tests positive 10 days after their session ends.
- We are required to notify state and local health officials of any confirmed positive test.

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Camper Orientation:

Campers will receive an orientation on the first day of camp to introduce staff, discuss general camp rules and updates to any operational guidelines. These items will include:

- What camp is doing to protect everyone from becoming ill?
- Handwashing protocols
- Physical distancing guidelines
- Mask wearing instructions and policies.
- Dining hall procedures
- What symptoms to look out for and how to report them
- Daily temperature checks and when they will happen.

Specific guidelines for overnight group summer camps and similar activities:

1. Camp operators must follow CDC Guidance for Operating Youth Camps and the following Washington State guidelines.
2. All campers and staff must do one of the following before arriving at camp: 1) be fully vaccinated, OR 2) quarantine for 72 hours prior to arrival at camp and receive a negative COVID-19 test no more than 72 hours prior to arrival at camp. Public health recommends conducting a rapid antigen test of all unvaccinated campers and staff upon arrival if resources permit. GCC will check with local public health to determine if such resources exist. Details on quarantining can be found at the Department of Health's website. Anyone unable to meet one of these two conditions is not allowed to participate in camp. For the purposes of this guidance, people are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 ≥ 2 weeks after they have received a second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or ≥ 2 weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson (J&J)/Janssen). Verification of vaccination or test results is required. Documentation of COVID-19 vaccination must be an official record, such as COVID-19 vaccination record card, documentation from a healthcare provider electronic health record or state Immunization Information System.
3. Camps are responsible for locating free COVID-19 testing opportunities for campers who may not otherwise have access.
4. Facial covering guidance depends on vaccination status and indoor versus outdoor setting. Vaccination status must be verified before arriving at camp.

Indoors: All campers must wear facial coverings indoors regardless of vaccination status unless eating or sleeping. Unvaccinated staff must wear facial coverings indoors unless eating or sleeping. Vaccinated staff must wear facial coverings indoors if children under the age of 18 are present, but they do not need to wear facial coverings indoors if no children are present and vaccination status has been verified. Any person who chooses to wear a mask should be supported in doing so.

Outdoors: Masks are not required outdoors, regardless of vaccination status. Masks are strongly recommended for unvaccinated individuals when outdoors in crowded places or when in close

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contact with people from outside their household for a sustained period of time, as the risk of COVID-19 infection increases with the duration and closeness of contact between individuals. A place might be considered crowded when individuals are unable to maintain physical distance from each other. Programs, organizations, or businesses can choose to require masks, and individuals can choose to wear masks, regardless of vaccination status.

- Masks may be recommended or required for public health protection in certain circumstances, such as outbreaks or areas with high rates of transmission.
- L&I directives to protect worker safety still apply.
- Employers cannot prevent employees from wearing a face mask if they choose (SB 5254).
- It is important for individuals at higher risk of becoming severely ill from SAR-CoV-2 infection to take preventive measures for COVID-19 such as vaccination, wearing a mask, social distancing, practicing hand hygiene.
- While vaccinations and ongoing precautions have helped reduce the infection rate, it is important to remember that children under the age of 12 are not yet able to be vaccinated.
- Any person who chooses to wear a mask should be supported in doing so.

5. No visitors to camp are allowed; parents or guardians are allowed to enter camp only in the case of medical emergencies or when needed to bring home a camper early.

6. Guidance for leaving camp depends on whether staff live on the property during camp and vaccination status. All staff should follow L&I guidance.

- Unvaccinated counselors and staff who live on the camp property during camp are not permitted to leave camp on days or nights off. If unvaccinated staff leave in between camp sessions, they must repeat the entry requirements by quarantining for 72 hours prior to arrival at camp and receiving a negative COVID-19 test no more than 72 hours prior to arrival at camp. Public health recommends conducting a rapid antigen test of all unvaccinated staff upon arrival before interaction with other staff and campers if resources permit.
- Unvaccinated staff who do not live on the camp property during camp should follow L&I guidance, including all prevention measures (e.g., facial covering, distancing).
- Vaccinated staff may leave the camp on time off as long as camps make them aware of the best practices they can independently follow to mitigate spread during time they spend off camp property.

7. All campers must have at least 6 feet physical distance from other camper's heads in sleep facilities, such as beds, bunks, cots or tent sleeping areas. Bedding should be arranged head-to toe. The addition of partitions between beds is not an acceptable substitute for 6 feet of physical distance between head and toe

8. If indoor eating is necessary due to poor weather, facilities are encouraged to maximize ventilation and follow CDC distancing guidance.

9. For transportation to and from camp: GCC encourages only those in the same household to travel

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together, and if not in the same household, travel in separate vehicles if possible. For travel groups, (groups that include more than one household in the same vehicle whether in a carpool or on a bus) all members of the travel group, including the driver, must wear a face covering and spread out as much as possible within the vehicle. GCC encourage family members to sit together and to maximize ventilation in the vehicle by opening windows.

10. Bus or shuttle transportation to or from camp or transportation within camp sessions for activities must follow the childcare transportation guidance. Note: masks are required of all people, regardless of vaccination status, when using public transportation.

11. Daily symptom screenings are required for campers and staff. Refer to childcare guidance section on health screening for details.

12. GCC will follow guidelines related to sporting activities, performing arts, and water recreation when campers engage in these activities.

13. GCC's camp operators are instructed to follow CDC guidance for ventilation in the Guidance for Operating Youth Camps.

14. CDC Guidance for Operating Youth Camps is to be followed when someone gets sick. When a camp operator learns of a camper or staff member with COVID-19 or an outbreak of COVID-19 at the camp, the camp operator or COVID-19 designated supervisor should notify the local health jurisdiction. A list of local health jurisdiction (LHJ) contacts can be found on the DOH website.

15. Cooperation with public health in the investigation of cases, suspected cases, outbreaks, and suspected outbreaks of COVID-19 is required (WAC 246-101-425 and Governor's Proclamation 20-25.13). In order to assist with contact tracing in the event of a possible exposure, keep a roster of staff, campers, and visitors in attendance at camp overall and at individual activities, including transportation if individuals were transported anywhere together. Records should include contact information for all individuals. Records to assist with contact tracing must be kept on file for 28 days after each camp session. In order to assist with case investigation and contact tracing, be prepared to provide local health jurisdictions with information for all campers and staff with COVID-19. This information about campers and staff may include, but is not limited to name, date of birth, role (camper, staff), parent or guardian name, phone number (or phone number of parent or guardian), home address, sleeping location and areas visited at the camp, dates of camp attendance, type of COVID-19 test, date of positive test, date of symptom onset, medical conditions, preferred language spoken, and information about any close contacts of the camper or staff with COVID-19.

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Conclusion:

It is important to note that this document reflects the current conditions if camp were to start today. While we cannot promise that COVID-19 will not exist, we can commit to consistent safety measures and protocols being followed by our staff. We are committed to providing a safe outdoor experience for our participants. We will continue to update these policies and provide further detail when necessary.

Resources:

American Camp Association:

Field Guide for Camps on Implementation of CDC Guidance

WA State Department of Health:

Child Care, Youth Development, and Day Camps During the COVID-19 Outbreak

Center for Disease Control – COVID -19 Resource Page:

Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Forms:

Grand Columbia Council (GCC) – COVID -19 waiver

Boy Scouts of America Pre Screening Checklist

Post Camp Handout