



We are aware that while vaccinations are up and cases are down, Covid-19 is still in our communities. We are planning and working hard to keep the risk for a Covid-19 outbreak as low as possible, working under State of Oregon, Oregon-Idaho United Methodist Church, and American Camp Association standards and wanted to let you know our plans for 2022. We are honored and humbled to have your trust.

We are approaching the summer with the intent of adapting weekly Covid protocols to risk levels for that particular week. This is based on the most recent recommendations from the CDC. For every camp week, we will:

- Examine Covid hospitalization rates in our county and the counties where our campers are traveling from
- Review the vaccination rates of our campers
- Consider the immuno risk of the campers attending

From there we will decide how strict to make our Covid protocols, and we will be in contact with parents and campers as soon as we make the decision to impose additional protocols.

If we see that county hospitalization rates are low and vaccination rates are high, we likely will not require masking and will not go to great lengths to distance. Campers will be in the natural cohort of cabin groups but will not be restricted from mixing. We will continue to do a majority of our programming outdoors, including meals, so long as it stays dry. This was a major component of our approach to Covid-19 last summer, and we had no transmission onsite the entire time. Indoors, we will open doors and windows for improved ventilation.

If we deem any of the above factors or combination of the factors to be of concern, we may add further requirements, likely beginning with masking indoors, then masking everywhere (except sleeping and water activities), and then cohorting with groups staying strictly in their cohort groups.

For these reasons, we are still including masks in the packing lists of all our campers, should we need to impose additional masking rules. This summer, masks should be at least a surgical grade with enough to have one new mask per day.

We will be sending out voluntary PCR tests to all our campers ahead of the camp; these will have a postage-paid mailer to send back to our partner lab and should give us an additional peace of mind.

All our staff and volunteers are required to have current vaccination, and our site staff tests weekly using PCR tests. We have a large stock of rapid antigen tests to use (along with temporary isolation) if a camper exhibits symptoms and N-95 and surgical-grade masks for those who forget or lose theirs.

Please let me know if you have further questions or thoughts. We are looking forward to this summer with excitement, but just like the last two, we are trying to be prepared for many different scenarios.

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