

Overnight Recreation Camp: Protocol for Campers/Staff with COVID-19 Symptoms

The purpose of this document is to help camps and parents/guardians understand:

- *What should the camp do if a camper/staff has COVID-19 symptoms at camp?*
- *What should a parent/guardian do if their child has COVID-19 symptoms while at home?*

It also answers the following questions:

- *Do siblings or other household members of the camper/staff who has symptoms need to go home too?*
- *Which information sheet should the camp give the parent/guardian when they pick up their child?*
- *Who should the camp be contacting at public health if they need additional guidance or support?*

Camp Protocol for Campers/Staff with COVID-19 Symptoms at Overnight Camp

Camper/Staff with COVID-19 symptoms at overnight camps

Camper or staff is at home

Parent/guardian or staff contacts camp

Parent/guardian/staff follows direction provided by the [COVID-19 School & Child Care Screening tool](#)

Everyone in the household should stay home if anyone has COVID-19 symptoms or is waiting for test results after experiencing symptoms. Stay home until the person with symptoms gets a negative COVID-19 test result or is diagnosed with another illness from a healthcare provider. Household members can then return to camp as long as they can pass the online screening tool.

Camper or staff is at overnight camp or upon arrival

1. **Designate staff*** to care for symptomatic campers and ensure designated staff are wearing full PPE.
2. Immediately isolate symptomatic camper/staff in **isolation room**** and follow camp protocol for caring for symptomatic individual(s). If multiple symptomatic individuals within the same cohort/bunk, these individuals may isolate together while awaiting pickup or testing. Symptomatic individuals from different cohorts cannot isolate together
3. All asymptomatic campers within the same cohort/ bunk must be isolated from any potential interaction with any other cohort as per normal protocol.
4. Immediately contact parent/guardian for pick-up as soon as possible. Symptomatic staff are to go home immediately.
5. Family members (i.e., siblings) of the symptomatic camper must also isolate and arrangements made to go home from camp.
6. The Camp Director should discuss Covid -19 testing options with parents, based upon how soon campers can be transported home and how far they are travelling. If testing is preferred prior to campers going home, parental permissions for each child must be received by the camp director. If staff are transporting symptomatic campers to assessment centers the driver must be masked with eye protection and windows open during transportation.
7. If campers are going home and parents will be arranging testing, the camp director is to make arrangements with parents to be notified of results.

Contact WDG Public Health at any point for further direction (1-800-265-7293).

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Public health will require a list of all symptomatic campers, asymptomatic campers within the cohort and siblings of the symptomatic that are also attending camp. This list must be comprehensive including, contact numbers and addresses for all members of the cohort and other potential high risk contacts in the event a positive case may require follow up.

Provide parent/guardians' of symptomatic campers a letter outlining isolation requirements, testing requirements and return to camp policy. Consider notifying all parents within the cohort of the potential exposure in the camp cohort.

*Camps need to **designate a staff member** to care for symptomatic campers/staff at the camp

The **isolation room should be an enclosed space separate from other people that is equipped with PPE, hand sanitizer, tissues, and a lined garbage bin. It must be cleaned and disinfected after use. The isolation room may be the camper's bunk if the remaining cohort can be relocated to another asymptomatic location and still remain apart from other cohorts.