

How Galilee is Operating Summer Camp in 2021

Covid-19 Information, Policies and Guidelines

What are we doing to make summer camp safer during this pandemic?

Aside from isolation, there is no perfect tool. We are taking what is now commonly referred to as the “swiss cheese” approach to mitigating exposure for our campers and staff. This means using multiple controls that each, by themselves, have holes in them, but when stacked with other controls minimize the exposure risk.

Camp Galilee will be using the following controls:

Low prevalence - We will not run summer camp if new cases are greater than 25 people per 100,000 people locally. This reduces the likelihood that campers have Covid.

Vaccinations – All of the camp’s permanent and resident staff will be required to be vaccinated. Camp staff are on the CDC list of tiered populations eligible for early vaccinations. We will make every attempt to have our younger staff (counselors aged 16-18) vaccinated as well but, even if they are not vaccinated, they will follow all of the guidelines listed below.

Screening - We will be asking all parents to pre-screen camper for symptoms 10 days prior to camp arrival and will sign a statement saying they have complied. Campers will also be screened by a health care professional upon arrival. Campers will be screened daily while at camp, immediately isolated if they develop Covid symptoms, and then picked up by parents or designated person within five hours of being isolated.

Ventilation - The campers will be outdoors almost the entire time they are here. The exceptions will be sleeping and bathroom/shower time. The cabins will be well ventilated.

Cohorts - Campers will be in groups of only 18 people (14 campers and 4 staff). They will not share any enclosed spaces nor be within 6 feet of any other person outside of their cohort. This minimizes the likelihood of campers being exposed to Covid.

Youth – Young people, particularly pre-teens, have low rates of infection and transmission of Covid.

Why are masks and testing not a part of your system of controls?

These are excellent questions that have long explanations. You can read the entire explanation at <https://www.galileetahoe.org/summer/faq/>. If local, state or federal guidelines require masks we will comply.

What is Camp Galilee asking of families?

Covid-19 is a serious health and safety risk to all people. Until it is controlled, we must all do our part for the greater community.

Screen for symptoms

One of our controls for mitigating risk to campers is for the entire family to screen for symptoms for 10 days before your camper’s arrival date. If anyone in your family has symptoms, please do not come to camp. We understand that this will be an enormous disappointment, but we are taking the health risks that Covid poses very seriously. You will, of course, get a 100% refund if you must cancel.

Isolate as much as you are able

We are aware that very few families can isolate 10 days prior to your arrival to camp. We ask that you consider not doing any activity that presents a high risk of exposure to Covid. This would primarily include any time a family member will be in an enclosed space with others for a considerable length of time. Shopping is generally not a problem as people are wearing masks, the buildings are typically large, the time spent is shorter. Outdoor activities are generally great unless people are spending a great deal of time closer than 6 feet apart. We understand that perfect isolation is not reasonable, but we ask that the 10 days prior to camp that you consider what activities increase your exposure and whether they can wait until after your child arrives at camp.

Be available to pick up your child at camp

Our policy will be that any camper that develops symptoms of Covid-19 will be isolated and they will need to return home. If we decide that a camper must be isolated we will immediately contact the parents or guardian to come pick them up. Please be locally available, or designate an adult, to pick up your child at camp in a timely manner.