



Key COVID-19 Provisions for Camps

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Northeast Tri County Health District Point of Contact

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To reach NETCHD afterhours and on weekends to report public health emergencies, please call any of the phone numbers below and select the Duty Officer option.

- 509-684-2262 (Stevens County)
- 509-447-3131 (Pend Oreille County)
- 509-775-3111 (Ferry County)

COVID-19 Testing Options

For testing needs related to potential COVID-19 exposure during camp, please contact the Northeast Tri County Health District (NETCHD). For campers and staff looking for test locations prior to arrival at camp, please consult [this list](#) of local testing sites.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Supplies

If you need assistance acquiring PPE for your camp, please reach out to the Northeast Tri County Health District (NETCHD).

COVID-19 Vaccination Information

COVID-19 vaccination is crucial to reducing the spread of COVID-19 and everyone ages 12+ is eligible for vaccination. To see a list of local COVID-19 vaccination providers, please [click here](#) or reach out to the Northeast Tri County Health District (NETCHD).

Symptoms of COVID-19

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus and anyone can have mild to severe symptoms. Common COVID-19 symptoms include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Please visit the [CDC website](#) for additional information on COVID-19 symptoms.

What to Do if Someone Develops Signs of or Tests Positive for COVID-19

- To prepare for the potential of campers or staff showing symptoms while at camp, camps must have a response and communication plan in place that includes communication with staff, families, and the Northeast Tri County Health District (NETCHD).
- Every camp must have an identified space for isolating ill persons until they can be sent home.
 - o This space would ideally have several rooms with doors that can close and windows that vent to the outside to improve ventilation. Alternatively, use a room with several cots spaced at least six feet apart with privacy curtains between cots.
 - o Ideally, the isolation unit would have a private bathroom for use only by persons being evaluated for COVID. If a private bathroom for ill persons is not available, the ill person should continue wearing a face mask when traveling to and from the communal bathroom.
 - o Clean all high touch areas between the patient room and bathroom as well as in the bathroom. Increase ventilation in the bathroom by keeping a window open and/or turning on a fan that vents to the outside. Let the space air out for 10 minutes before entering to thoroughly clean and disinfect the space.
- If a camper or staff member develops signs of COVID-19, separate the person and supervise them from a safe distance until the sick person can leave. Staff caring for ill persons must use appropriate medical grade PPE. While waiting to leave camp, the individual with symptoms must wear a cloth face covering or mask. Thoroughly air out and then clean and disinfect the area after the ill person leaves.
- For additional information, please see the [K-12 Schools Guidance 2020-2021 \(DOH\)](#) updated May 24, 2021.

Contact Investigation, Contact Tracing, and Quarantine of Close Contacts of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

- Immediately notify the Northeast Tri County Health District (NETCHD) of the case.
- Identify and provide camp-based close contacts of the case to NETCHD. This includes contacts around the case from 2 days before symptoms started (or date of positive test if asymptomatic) until the time the case was no longer at camp.
- Close contacts are defined as:
 - Persons who were within six feet of the confirmed positive case for at least 15 cumulative minutes over a 24-hour period
 - May include siblings at the same camp
 - Campers and staff in the same cohort
- For additional information, please see the [K-12 Schools Guidance 2020-2021 \(DOH\)](#) updated May 24, 2021.

COVID-19 Safety Plan Requirement for Summer Camps

All camps are required to have COVID-19 safety plans. These plans must be publicly available for review by campers and their families and local health jurisdictions. The following control measures must be included in the safety plan:

- Designation of staff to implement the plan;
- Which onsite staff have medical training;
- What measures will be taken in the event of a positive case;
- Circumstances that will require medical assistance;
- PPE utilization;
- On-location physical distancing;
- Hygiene;
- Sanitation (including sanitation of locker rooms);
- Symptom monitoring;
- Incident reporting;
- Location disinfection procedures;
- COVID-19 safety training;
- Exposure response procedures; and
- Post-exposure incident mitigation and recovery plan.

Some safety plan templates include the [Phase 3 Safe Start Plan Template \(wa.gov\)](#) and the [Events and Gatherings: Readiness and Planning Tool \(CDC.gov\)](#).

Summer Camps Guidance Documents

Links to guidance documents that pertain to summer camps and activities are listed below, along with a few key points from each document. Note that the provisions listed do not cover all the guidance within each document.

[Overnight Group Summer Camps and Similar Activities COVID-19 Requirements \(wa.gov\) updated June 2, 2021. Key provisions include:](#)

- Contact information for staff and campers must be kept on file for 28 days after each program or use of the facilities to assist with contact tracing in the event of a possible exposure.
- All campers and staff must be fully vaccinated or have a negative test no more than 3 days old upon arrival.
- Facial coverings are required to be worn at all times by all staff and campers, and anyone else present at the camp except when eating, drinking, brushing teeth, or sleeping. Exceptions allowed for specific outdoor activities in guidelines such as [sporting activities](#), [outdoor recreation](#), and [water recreation](#).
- All campers must have at least 6 feet physical distance from other campers' heads in sleep facilities such as beds, bunks, cots, or tent sleeping areas. Bedding should be arranged head to toe. Partitions between beds are not acceptable substitutes for 6 feet of physical distance between head and toe.
- Each sleeping group occupying a cabin, room, or tent shall be considered a cohort of no more than 16 campers.
- All programmed activities are required to occur in outdoor or open-air settings and campers should remain with consistent cohorts.
- Strongly recommended that all eating occur outdoors and a minimum six foot distance is required between cohorts. If indoor eating is necessary due to poor weather, indoor eating facilities are limited to 50% capacity and ventilation must be maximized with all windows and doors open.

[Guidance for Child Care, Youth Development, and Day Camps During COVID-19 \(DOH\) updated April 14, 2021. Key provisions include:](#)

- Develop a system for dropping off and picking up children that keeps families physically distant from each other and reduces their need to enter the program space.
- Clean and sanitize tables before and after each group eats. Use a washable plastic tablecloth for wooden tables.
- Eliminate family style and buffet meals where food is shared. Serve snacks and meals on individual plates, and ensure food is not being shared.

[Eating and Drinking Establishment COVID-19 Requirements \(wa.gov\) updated June 2, 2021. Key provisions include:](#)

- Ensure adequate social distancing at food and/or drink pick-up stations, and within seating area.
- Hand sanitizer should be available at entry for all staff and patrons.
- Any condiments typically left on the table (ketchup, soy sauce, etc.) must be single-use or sanitized after each use.
- Buffets and salad bars are permitted and must follow [Department of Health guidance](#).

[Theater & Performing Arts and Events COVID-19 Requirements \(wa.gov\) updated June 1, 2021. Key provisions include:](#)

- A minimum of 10 feet physical distancing required between artists/performers and the audience if the artist/performer is wearing a mask.
- A minimum of 20 feet of physical distancing required between artists/performers and the audience if the artist/performer if the artist/performer is not wearing a mask.
- Partner dancing is permitted, however there must be 6 feet of physical distancing maintained between dancers if the dance style does not include partners or multiple dancers.

[Water Recreation Facilities \(Public and Private\) COVID-19 Guidance \(wa.gov\) updated March 23, 2021. Key provisions include:](#)

- All water recreation facilities are required to follow the current guideline from the Department of Health, those guideline documents are:
 - [COVID-19 Prevention Guidance and Reopening of Water Recreation Facilities in Phases](#)
 - [Guidance for Water Recreation Facility Occupancy](#)
- If lifeguards are required according to WAC 246-260-131(6)(b), the facility must have comprehensive lifeguarding plans in place in writing addressing not only COVID-19 related safety issues, but also other issues related to day-to-day lifeguarding requirements.

[COVID-19 Prevention Guidance and Reopening of Water Recreation Facilities in Phases \(DOH\) updated May 27, 2021. Key provisions include:](#)

- Develop a strategy to maintain six-foot physical distancing in the water, locker rooms, shower rooms, bathrooms, and other communal areas. This may be accomplished by controlling the number of people using the facility or providing visual cues such as markings on the floor, etc.
- Lifeguards and attendants, who are stationed to control or direct crowds and are not able to consistently maintain a minimum six-foot physical distancing and expect to get respiratory droplets sprayed on their faces are also required to wear face shields with cloth attachment. If

respiratory droplets being sprayed on their faces is not a concern, a face covering that meets requirements must be worn.

- Lifeguards must stay focused on monitoring for water-safety-related risks and not asked to enforce physical distancing or any other COVID-19 related rules, as that would distract them from lifesaving duties.

Links to other potentially applicable guidance documents:

- [Outdoor Recreation COVID-19 Requirements \(wa.gov\)](#)
- [Spectator Events COVID-19 Requirements \(wa.gov\)](#)
- [Fitness and Training COVID-19 Requirements \(wa.gov\)](#)
- [Sporting Activities COVID-19 Requirements \(wa.gov\)](#)