



COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Our evolving policies are designed to keep our camp community safe and healthy and be in alignment with State and local guidelines.

September 9, 2021 Update to COVID-19 Policies

At this time we are continuing to see a rise in the number of cases within Tompkins County and for the continued safety of our camp community, we will continue to adjust our protocols in accordance with guidance from the Health Department and the CDC.

Here are the key elements:

- Masking at all times (other than when eating/drinking or safe social distance can be maintained outside).
- Staying home when sick
- Physical distancing
- Hand hygiene practices
- Cleaning and sanitizing procedures

At this time we are adopting the stay at home and [return to program protocols](#) established by the Ithaca City School District.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO PROGRAM IF THEY HAVE ANY SYMPTOMS ASSOCIATED WITH COVID-19:

- 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 remember our request that you and your young people wear a mask during drop-off and pick-up. And, please share this information with other adults who may be transporting your campers to and or from camp.
- Please be sure that your camper brings two clean face coverings (in case one becomes unusable) to program each day.
- If your participant attended camp this summer, please let them know about the increase in precautions we are now taking at this time.
- Please be vigilant about monitoring symptoms in your family, and do not send children to our program if they have had symptoms or been exposed to someone with COVID-19.
- We will continue to keep a close eye on developments and respond to any additional guidance from the Health Department.

Additional precautions include:

- Increased hand washing
- Decreased cohort sizes (mixed groups)

Should you have any questions about our protocols or want to speak directly with a staff member, please send a note to primitivepursuits@cornell.edu letting us know if you would like an email response or phone call.

Protocol for Students Returning to School



IF YOU...	YOU MAY RETURN DEPENDING ON VACCINATION STATUS	
	Vaccinated	Unvaccinated
EXPERIENCE COVID-19 SYMPTOM(S)	<p>You may return to school-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> when any diarrhea or vomiting is resolved, and after being fever free for 24 hours (without fever reducing medication) <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> with a note from a healthcare provider indicating the test was negative^{*∇} <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> with a copy of the negative test result^{*∇} 	
COVID-19 RELATED SYMPTOMS + PREVIOUS EXCLUSION FOR SAME SYMPTOMS	<p>You may return to school with a healthcare provider note diagnosing underlying chronic condition, including previous negative COVID-19 test during the 2021-22 school year[*]</p>	
HAVE A MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD WITH COVID-19 RELATED SYMPTOMS	<p>If you do not have any symptoms, you do not need to quarantine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get tested 3–5 days after the exposure, even if you don't have symptoms (<i>optional</i>), unless the household member is tested[*] Wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure 	<p>You may return to school if you remain symptom free</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>the person with COVID-like symptoms tests negative for COVID-19^{*∇}</p>
HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT OF SOMEONE WITH COVID-19	<p>If you do not have any symptoms, you do not need to quarantine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get tested 3–5 days after the exposure, even if you don't have symptoms[*] (<i>optional</i>) Wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure 	<p>You may return to school upon release from quarantine by the Tompkins County Health Department or local health department of residence[*]</p>
TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19	<p>You may return to school upon release from isolation by the Tompkins County Health Department or local health department of residence</p>	

* A molecular diagnostic test (i.e., PCR) is required

∇ 10 days of isolation is required if not undergoing testing

⚡ People who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 3 months and recovered do not need to get tested following an exposure as long as they do not develop new symptoms