

Camp Daggett COVID Response Plan

This COVID Response plan is designed to address regulations as stipulated in the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) [*“Guidelines for Camp Operations During COVID-19,”*](#) last revised 4.14.21. As conditions change, so too can regulations, guidelines, and orders and this plan will be updated to reflect any changes.

Before Camp

Pre-Screening of Campers and Staff

All campers’ families and staff will be emailed a 10-day symptom screening document that must be filled out daily **prior** to camp check in. This form will ask campers’ families to monitor the following common symptoms of COVID-19:

- Temperature of 100.4 degrees F or higher
- Sore throat
- Cough (for campers with chronic cough due to allergies or asthma, a change in the baseline cough)
- Difficulty breathing (for campers with asthma, a change in baseline breathing)
- Diarrhea or vomiting
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

If a camper is exposed to COVID-19 within 10 days of arriving at camp, current MDHHS guidelines recommend quarantining for 10 days from the day of exposure, even with a negative test result, and following all instructions from the local health department.

The presence of any of these above symptoms generally suggests a child has an infectious illness and should not attend camp, regardless of whether the illness is related to COVID-19.

Pre-Camp Testing of Campers and Staff

Per the State of Michigan, it is recommended that all campers and staff receive a PCR-based COVID-19 test three to five days before coming to camp. Campers presenting a positive PCR test result, that was conducted within 10 days of their first day of camp, will receive a full refund of all fees paid. In order to receive a full refund, the PCR positive test results, including the name of the camper, should be sent to camp.info@campdaggett.org.

Even with a lack of symptoms and/or a negative test results, all campers and staff should self-isolate as much as feasible before coming to camp. Campers should continue to follow all state, local, and national guidelines on facial coverings, social gatherings, and physical distancing to decrease their chance of exposure to COVID-19 before camp.

Camper Drop Off

Families will be asked to check in between certain times for registration. Families will be notified of their assigned check-in time two weeks prior to their camper's session. If your assigned time will not work, please notify camp of the conflict. This year, bunks will be randomly assigned prior to campers arriving. If your child requires accommodations in bunk assignment, please contact camp as soon as possible.

To encourage physical distancing, only one adult will be allowed to accompany each camper during the check-in process. We ask that any extra people remain in their vehicles. All individuals must wear a facial covering during check-in, regardless of any other factor. Accompanying adults with a medical exemption to face masking are asked to remain in their vehicle and notify camp staff for an accommodated check-in.

Camp Daggett staff will make a primary assessment of signs of illness; utilizing observation, questioning and the 10-day screening document. Staff will perform temperature checks on all campers with infrared monitors.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to open the camp store this year.

Monitoring For COVID-19 At Camp

Campers with Symptoms

Once at camp, if a camper develops symptoms suggesting COVID-19, that camper's family will be notified immediately. If possible and timely, a camper's parent or authorized adult will be asked to pick up the camper for testing and further medical evaluation. If not possible or timely, Camp Daggett will be willing to arrange testing and further evaluation by medical personnel for any camper that presents with any of the symptoms identified previously. Any camper or staff member presenting with symptoms will be isolated in the Sequoia Cabin until arrangements are made for transportation to a local testing facility or until an authorized adult can arrange pick up.

Campers testing Negative or No testing required

If a camper tests negative for COVID-19 or a test was not advised by a medical professional due to the nature of the symptoms being identified, the camper may return to camp activities once the following criteria has been met. If the camper is unable to recuperate at home, the camper may remain in isolation at Camp Daggett until these conditions are met:

- Fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of medicine that reduces fevers AND
- Other symptoms have improved

Campers testing Positive for COVID-19

Current guidelines for the isolation period for campers testing positive for COVID-19 exceed the length of a camping session at Camp Daggett. Campers who have a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 will be isolated at Camp Daggett until a parent or other authorized adult can pick them up.

Fellow campers exposed to COVID-19

Should a positive test be confirmed while a camper is attending Camp Daggett, we will work closely with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan to notify the families of the other campers who may have been exposed to the positive individual. Current MDHHS guidelines recommend quarantining for 10 days if exposed, even with a negative test result, and follow all instructions from the local health department. Camp will request that authorized adults pick up these campers.

Camp Daily Operations

Activities

The vast majority of activities at Camp Daggett will be conducted as in previous years. Our staff will work to ensure that all activities that campers participate in follow recommendations to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Activities outdoors will be prioritized with facial coverings needing to be worn by all when physical distancing is not possible or would be inconsistent. Generally, contact between different cabins will be limited so that campers not in the same cabin do not spend more than 15 minutes in any 24-hour period in close contact with one another.

In cabins, bunk beds will be spaced so that 6 feet of physical distance can be provided between campers' heads, while bunk mates will be arranged in a head-to-toe fashion. Camp-outs will be modified, with campers potentially returning to their cabin in the evenings due to the lack of physical space available within a tent.

Facial Coverings

The use of face coverings will be required by all campers and staff when inside buildings and outside when unable to maintain physical distance from one another pursuant to state regulations. Exceptions include when campers are in their cabins, eating meals, or swimming. While at camp, there may be conditions that do not lend themselves to masking (i.e., very warm or humid days), so physical distancing and/or program modification will be required.

All campers are requested to bring with them five clean, washable cloth facemasks. All masks should include two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric and fit snugly over the mouth and nose. Campers and their families unfamiliar with wearing a facial covering can review information from the American Academy of Pediatrics [here](#). Masks with exhalation valves, neck gaiters, bandanas, and face shields are not acceptable. Please label masks with names prior to arrival. Cloth masks are preferred but if not available, disposable masks are acceptable. Campers will receive a special Camp Daggett mask upon arrival. Camp Daggett will monitor camper face mask usage.

Campers with medical conditions that preclude the use of a facial covering are required to provide documentation from a physician indicating that a mask cannot be worn.

Dining

Campers and staff will eat by cabin group. Each cabin group will be separated by at least 6 feet of space between tables in Mac Hall. This will necessitate serving the meals in shifts. Meals will continue to be served family-style with the counselor of the cabin handling communal items.

Hand Washing and Personal Hygiene

Proper handwashing procedures will be stressed with campers and staff. This includes washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. When handwashing is unavailable or impracticable, an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol will be used. Maintenance staff will frequently check and refill hand sanitizer and soap dispensers.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

These areas will receive special attention on a daily basis following the recommendations of the CDC (April 2021 Cleaning Up Date):

- High touch indoor surfaces will be cleaned at least once daily with household detergents, not disinfectants.
- If additional cleaning indoors is deemed necessary with disinfectant, sufficient time will be allowed for any airborne cleaning products to dissipate from the indoor environment prior to occupancy.
- High touch outdoor surfaces made of plastic or metal, such as play structures and railings, will be cleaned regularly.
- Outdoor areas will receive normal routine cleaning. Cleaning and disinfecting of wooden surfaces (play structures, benches, tables) or groundcovers (mulch, sand) is not recommended by the CDC.

For more specific details from the April 2021 Cleaning update, [click here](#).

Camper Pick Up

A similar system to drop off will be employed for pick up at the end of the week. Families will be assigned a time to pick up their campers with only one adult allowed. We ask that once the camper and their adult are together, families please move along in the checkout process.

FAQ

While this plan provides an overview of Camp Daggett's plans for this summer, we know there will be changes as we get closer to the beginning of summer camp. We will post "frequently asked questions" and answers as part of this document. This plan will be posted on our website and updated as needed. We will also email any major changes to campers' families as the need arises.