

COVID-19 Protocols and Policies

Families must fully understand our new protocols and must prepare their children prior to the start of programs this summer.

1. Please read this document carefully.
2. If you have questions, ask us now, prior to enrolling your child in any camp.
3. Prepare your child.

Campers must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 in order to attend camp at Learning Outside. Parents/Guardians will be asked to provide proof of vaccination.

By choosing to participate in Learning Outside's summer camps you are obligated to do everything you can to minimize your child's exposure to the novel coronavirus. We are relying on you to help keep not only your child safe, but everyone else safe too.

DAILY SCREENING ASSESSMENT PRIOR TO ATTENDING CAMP EACH DAY

All instructors, parents, designated drivers, and children must complete a daily screening assessment. Parents and/or guardians are responsible for completing this assessment on their child and on themselves.

Individuals with any of the symptoms below are ***prohibited*** from participating in Learning Outside camps. In addition, anyone - instructors, parents, drivers or siblings - is prohibited from being on-site, even if they remain in a vehicle, if they show any signs of illness.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include, but are not limited to, the list below. We rely on you, as parents, to stay up-to-date on latest indicators:

- Fever - daily temperatures must be taken for all
- Headache
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Chills, shivering or sweating
- Lack of appetite or desire to eat or drink
- New loss of taste or smell
- Muscle or body aches
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose

- Any subjective indicators such as: fatigue, flushed cheeks, unusual fussiness, change in a child or adult's usual behavior and affect etc.

In everyone's best interests, Learning Outside reserves the right to send a child home, at check-in, or at any time during the program, if the child exhibits any sign of illness.

MASK PROTOCOLS

Instructors and children **will wear masks** throughout our program day, except when physical distancing can be guaranteed. We will include activities and times, during the day, that allow for breaks from masks. We will also build-in child-friendly rituals and supports for children. Families are responsible for providing their child with masks.

Families are responsible for providing their child with masks; a clean mask each day of camp plus (2) back-up masks in a sealed container/bag in their child's trail backpack.

Learning Outside must protect all families and all instructors. To do so, children must comply with our mask guidelines. **In the unlikely event that a child will not comply and does not respond to instructor requests or reminders, parents will be called and the child will need to be picked-up.**

Children, parents and/or their **designated driver must wear masks** throughout drop-off and pick-up, apart from infants and siblings younger than 2-years-old.

Reporting Requirements: If a child or staff member has a **suspected** or **confirmed** case of COVID-19, or has been **exposed** to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 or has a household member who has been exposed to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, this information must be immediately reported to Learning Outside's Director, Wendy Banning, and a response plan will be put in place.

Anyone who has been **exposed** to an individual with COVID-19 is prohibited from participating in Learning Outside programs until they have received a negative PCR test. Test results must be emailed to Learning Outside's Director, Wendy Banning.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES

We need to limit the number of different individuals on our site at any given time. We also need to maintain physical distancing between families. To achieve this, we will create a "one-way only" walking loop through **Base Camp** for families to follow when doing check-in. Waiting spots will be marked along the loop. If all waiting spots are full,

families are asked to wait a few moments in their vehicles until a spot becomes available.

- Children and adults must wear a mask whenever on-site, including in the parking lot (apart infants or siblings younger than 2-years-old).
- All children, including siblings, must remain next to parents or their designated driver throughout check-in and check-out.
- The check-in instructor will take each child's temperature using a no-touch infrared thermometer upon arrival.
- A handwashing station will be placed along the walking loop, by our **Kiosk**, for use prior to check-in (please practice handwashing with your child at home prior to the start of programs).
- Parents or their designated driver will assist youngsters in completing a full 20 second handwashing, one family at a time and then move to the next "waiting spot" until called by an instructor for check-in.
- After check-in, parents or their designated driver will assist youngsters in situating their gear - all gear will be stored under our **Small Pole Barn** where we can provide space between children's possessions; a hook for each child's trail pack and a cubby for each child's change of clothes bag.
- Goodbyes will be done at the **Small Pole Barn** and parents or their designated driver will then exit the site, continuing along our walking loop, to return to the parking lot.