



COVID-19 Safety Plan for Camps

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SMUS Guiding Principles

- The health and well-being of all participants, including Campers, faculty, staff, parents and campus visitors will be placed above all other considerations.
- Decisions for immediate needs will be grounded in and informed through extensive gathering of knowledge from a wide variety of sources.
- Decisions for Holiday Camps will consider location, developmental stages, and will be transparent and timely so as to provide confidence and certainty for both internal participants and external communities.

General Expectations

Under the guidance of the BC Centre of Disease Control, SMUS Camps has the following measures in place to protect our campers and staff.

1. Campers must stay home if they are sick.

Do not send your child to camp if they:

- o are sick with, or showing symptoms of, COVID-19
- o have been told by public health to self-isolate because they are a close contact to someone with COVID-19
- o have travelled outside of Canada and are required to quarantine for 14 days.

If a parent or caregiver tests positive for COVID-19, their child cannot go to day camp until allowed by public health.

- o If a parent or caregiver is sick, but does not have COVID-19, their child can be sent to day camp if the child does not have symptoms. Have another parent or caregiver who is not sick bring your child to camp.

Campers that must stay home due to illness, will be refunded camp fees.

2. Daily health check

Check with your child daily to see if they have any COVID-19 symptoms before going to camp. Camp staff will verbally ask parents and caregivers to confirm their child does not have any symptoms relating to COVID19 before entering the camp.

3. Masks

Masks required in indoor public spaces for people 5 and up unless engaged in a high intensity activity.

4. Vaccinations

Proof of Vaccination is NOT REQUIRED for Campers.

5. Visitors

Parents will not be permitted inside camp facilities. Visitors entering the camp will be limited to people who support camp activities and/or the required maintenance of camp facilities.

6. Graves Dining Hall

- Campers will be required to sanitize their hands upon entering and exiting the dining hall.
- Campers must always be masked unless actively engaged in eating.
- Campers must sit in their group, separate from other programs.
- Campers must not congregate around the salad buffet.
- Campers who bring food from home will eat in the dining hall following the same protocols as above.

Personal Hygiene & Cleaning

- Handwashing/sanitization is required by all individuals:
 - Upon arrival and prior to departing for home
 - Before and after breaks
 - Between different learning environments (e.g., outdoor-indoor transitions, activities)
 - Before and after eating and drinking
 - After using the toilet
 - After handling common resources/equipment/supplies
 - After sneezing or coughing
 - Whenever hands are visibly dirty
 - Individuals will keep their things to themselves (do not borrow materials)
 - Individuals will limit (or eliminate) the amount of face touching
 - Individuals will cough into the crook of their elbows

First Aid Protocols

- At this time, personal protective equipment (PPE) such as masks and gloves will be voluntary except in the case of an individual providing care to someone who is injured or ill where the support person will be provided with and instructed to wear PPE as tolerated (based on the likelihood of increased contact and/or increased duration of contact with the participant).
- Individuals who are displaying COVID-19 type symptoms will be isolated in the designated Health Centre space.
- Parents or emergency contacts are required to pick up an unwell or injured child as soon as possible after being notified by the school. Individual children will be escorted to the parents by a staff member. Parents are to remain outside of the buildings.

Health Protocols

- Temperature checks may be performed on campers who are symptomatic.
- Health spaces will be available for campers who are unwell, injured or those who need to be isolated prior to being sent home due to illness.
- Cleaning of health spaces will be completed prior to any new campers being admitted.

What If an individual develops COVID-19 type symptoms while at camp?

A camp leader, staff or school administrator will:

- immediately separate the symptomatic individual from others and isolate them in the designated Health Centre;

- contact the individual's parents or emergency contact to arrange for them to be picked up as soon as possible;
- contact 811 or the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) to notify them of a potential case and seek further input;
- where possible, maintain a distance of 6 ft (2 m) from the ill individual. If not possible, staff will be provided with and instructed to wear PPE as tolerated, or will be instructed to use a tissue or other material to cover their nose and mouth;
- provide symptomatic individuals with tissues to cover their coughs or sneezes. Used tissues will be thrown away as soon as possible and hand hygiene will be performed;
- avoid touching the individual's body fluids (e.g., mucous, saliva). If there is contact, staff will immediately practise diligent hand hygiene;
- practise diligent hand hygiene once the individual is picked up and before returning to camp supervision;
- instruct staff responsible for facility cleaning to clean and disinfect the space where the individual was separated and any areas used by them during the day (e.g., classroom, bathroom, common areas, Health Centre);
- follow BC Provincial Health Services Authority protocols with regard to informing the community of positive cases.