



UPDATE: June 15, 2021

St. Michael's Summer Fun Camp

COVID GUIDELINES AND PROTOCOL as of June 15, 2021

Due to evolving guidelines, we will do our best to provide families with the most up to date information.

The health and safety of our campers and staff remain our highest priority. Below, you will find a summary of actions we are taking to help ensure we are lowering COVID-19 risk as much as possible. Thank you for doing your part to help everyone in our community stay healthy.

PRE-CAMP REQUIREMENTS: (See “Testing” Section for testing sites)

1. Testing and Traveling

All Campers **MUST GET TESTED prior to their first day of camp.**

All campers will be required to have a PCR test taken on the Thursday or Friday prior to their start of camp on Monday. Instructions on where and how to submit results will be shared with families closer to the start of camp.

If a camper travels to a restricted state or internationally **between camp sessions**, they will be required to get another PCR test prior to arrival at camp.

Campers Traveling from outside of the US or a Hotspot within the US **MUST GET TESTED prior to their first day of camp.**

Anyone coming to Rhode Island **from a country outside of the US** or a **hot spot within the US** must **quarantine** in RI for 7 days with a negative PCR test taken on day 5, before coming to camp on or after the 8th day. (The day you arrive in RI is counted as day zero.)

2. Allergies

All campers with allergies are required to email a letter from their doctor prior to the start of camp letting us know that your child has a documented allergy. This will help to alleviate concerns over visible symptoms to help rule out COVID. Required medications should be administered before camp.

If a runny nose or any other symptom starts at camp, caregivers will be contacted to pick up their camper and get a PCR test.

TESTING SITES:

1. For Out of State/Country Arrivals:

Visit: <https://covid.ri.gov/covid-19-prevention/travel-tofrom-ri>

Scroll to the last option “Sites that Test Out of State travelers who don’t have symptoms.”

2. For RI Residents:

K-12 testing sites will only test people who have an appointment. Call 844-857-1814 to schedule an appointment, seven days a week from 7:30 am – 9:30 pm OR go to portal.ri.gov to make an appointment.

DAILY SCREENING REQUIREMENTS: (See next section for sample questions)

EVERY DAY, prior to camp arrival, families will be required to fill out a **digital covid screening form** for each child in their family. A link to this platform (MedBot) will be provided prior to the start of each camp session. **Families are required to download this app directly onto their smartphone.**

1. If a camper **screens positive** for any COVID-19 symptoms prior to camp arrival:

Camper should not attend camp and get tested right away, and his or her caregiver should seek medical advice from the child’s healthcare provider. They should also inform the camp.

2. Steps for returning after a positive screen:

After receiving a positive screen, campers may return to camp once the caregiver provides competent evidence to the camp demonstrating that:

- The individual was tested negative for COVID-19; and
- Has had no fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications and symptoms have improved.
- The individual tested positive for COVID-19, but has since met RIDOH guidelines for ending isolation.

3. Other guidelines:

- If a camper develops any of the above symptoms a PCR test is required. **Any person who tests positive must be isolated for 10 days.**
- Any unvaccinated camper who is a close contact of someone who tested positive for COVID 19 (close contact is within 6 feet of an infectious person for 15 minutes or more) must quarantine for 7 full days and present a negative PCR result taken on day 5. The day of last exposure counts as day zero.
- A camper who is **within** 90 days following a positive PCR Covid 19 test does not have to retest or quarantine unless they develop symptoms. Provide documentation to camp directors.

SYMPTOMS QUESTIONNAIRE SAMPLE:

If campers have experienced **ANY** of the following symptoms in the last 3 days that are **NOT** explained by allergies or a non-infectious cause, they must stay home and schedule a PCR covid 19 test:

- Cough
- Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing
- Fever or Chills
- Muscle or Body Aches
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Runny nose or stuffy nose
- Fatigue
- Recent loss of taste or smell

If a camper answers YES to any of the below questions, they will also need to stay home and schedule a PCR covid 19 test.

1. Have you been in close contact (within 6 feet) of anyone with Covid 19 or symptoms of Covid-19 in the past 14 days?
2. Have you traveled anywhere outside the 50 United States in the past 14 days?
3. Have you traveled to RI from a state that is currently on the RI restricted travel list?
4. Have you been directed to quarantine or isolate by the RIDOH or a healthcare provider in the past 14 days? If so when does it end?

PHYSICAL DISTANCING:

INSIDE AND OUTSIDE:

- Physical distance of 6 feet must be maintained between the stable groups.
- When wearing masks 3 feet is recommended when possible, but is not required within each stable group. Children within a stable group may engage in close play with one another.
- While Eating: campers must maintain 6 feet of physical distancing.

Exception: 3 and 4 year olds may eat together with 3 foot spacing.

MASK WEARING:

- **Arrival/Dismissal:** Masks are required by ALL Children (age 3 and older) and Caregivers during arrival and pick up each day.
- **Inside:** Campers and staff must wear masks inside at all times.
- **Outside:** Campers are no longer required to wear masks outside.
- **Pool:** There is no masking in the pool area - one stable group at a time.
- **Sports:** In sports camp students will be able to play outside mask free when 3 foot distancing is possible. Campers will be required to wear masks when game play is within 3 feet.

Exceptions: If there is a medical reason that your unvaccinated camper is unable to wear a mask, please provide written documentation from a medical facility prior to arriving at camp.

GENERAL COVID SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

- Families/Caregivers/Visitors are not permitted to enter the school or grounds during camp hours of operation.
- Caregivers AND Campers MUST wear a mask during arrival and dismissal.
- We request that the same person pick up and drop off students each day.
- Intensified cleaning and disinfection practices will be conducted within our facilities and premises
- Campers will be separated into small groups known as “pods” that do not mix with other “pods”
- Campers will have a designated cubby’s of their own for the duration of the camp to keep their belongings.
- Counselors will promote healthy hygiene practices by going over safety protocols/techniques at the beginning of each week. This includes proper mask wearing, hand washing, and social distancing along with frequent reminders. Signs will also be posted around the school campus to reinforce these healthy habits.
- A separate area will be designated as a quarantine zone, for if a child does get sick at camp. This is where they can rest, be watched after, and safely isolate from others.

We ask that you help us protect the health of campers this summer. Anyone who is sick or was sick with COVID-19 or recently in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days— including staff, campers, and families— **should not come to camp.**

Be on the lookout for symptoms of COVID-19, which include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, and loss of taste or smell. Call your doctor if you think you or a family member is sick.

If you have a specific question about this plan, please contact me at the email below for more information.

We look forward to seeing you.

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