Summer Camp Guidelines
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These guidelines are subject to change as state or university guidelines change as we monitor and respond to the COVID-19 conditions.

Campus units are permitted to host in person summer camp programs in both the day and overnight camp formats.

To protect the safety of staff, participants, and the community, proof of COVID-19 vaccination or proof of a negative COVID-19 test is required for all participants 5 and over.

Printed or digital proof must be presented showing full vaccination, or a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of camp arrival. At-home COVID-19 test results will not be accepted unless the camp agrees to witness a test administer at registration.

It is the responsibility of the camp organizers, not facility or housing staff, to ensure camp participants meet these requirements. Camp organizations should only verify vaccination or testing records and not collect or copy such records. Verification should be done on site, not in advance. See Appendix for training document.

Face coverings are mandatory for all indoor activities pending any changes in state guidance. Face coverings may be removed when actively eating or drinking.

All externally paid staff and volunteers must follow same requirements for university employees. This should be communicated to all staff and volunteers by camp organizers. Visit this link for current information.

Units must comply with the Protection of Minors policy.

Guidelines for presenting proof of vaccination:
Participants who are fully vaccinated should bring either their actual vaccination card, a photocopy of the card, or a picture of the card. (Photographs displayed on mobile devices such as cell phones are acceptable). Participants over age 17 should be prepared to show a photo ID along with their vaccination card upon request.

- Each attendee’s name and the dates of first and second dose (or first dose, if Johnson & Johnson) should be clearly visible.
- Full vaccination requires that the event must be at least 14 days after the second dose of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine or at least 14 days after a single-dose vaccine.
- The following will be accepted: Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson vaccine or other COVID-19 vaccines approved by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Guidelines for presenting proof of a negative test:
Participants who cannot provide proof of vaccination should bring either a printout or photo of their negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours before the event start time. Participants over age 17 should be prepared to show a photo ID along with the test results.

- The attendee’s name and the date the test was administered, date the test was processed, type of test, and result of the test should be visible. Name on the test result must match the name on the photo ID.
- Participants ages 17 and under accompanied by an adult will not be required to show a photo ID.

**Campus COVID-19 Safety Protocols**

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<td>Designate an isolation and quarantine area for positive campers or unvax’d close contacts awaiting pick-up.</td>
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Appendix

Training Document for Verification of Required Documents

All participants ages 5 and over must provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination or negative test within 72 hours of the event start time. Participants ages 17 and under who are accompanied by an adult will not be required to show a photo ID.

Proof of vaccination:

For a guest who is providing proof of COVID-19 vaccination for entry, the following criteria must be met:

- Each participant’s name and dates of first and second dose (or first dose, if Johnson and Johnson) must be clearly visible.
- Date of second dose must be at least 14 days after the second dose of a two-dose vaccine or at least 14 days after a single-dose vaccine
- We will accept the Pfizer-BioNtech, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson vaccine or other COVID-19 vaccines approved by the World Health Organization (WHO).
- At this time, the booster isn’t required to be considered fully-vaccinated.

Below are some of the accepted methods for providing proof of COVID-19 vaccination.

- Paper vaccination card
- Digital image of vaccination card (with Valid ID)
- Illinois App
- Safer Communities App
- State of Illinois SMART Health Card
- Digital pharmacy cards (such as Carle, Christie, Walgreens, CVS, etc.)

Proof of negative test:

For participants who are providing proof of a negative COVID-19 test for entry, the following must be visible:

- Attendee’s name
- Date the test was administered
- Date the test was processed
- Result of the test
- Name must match the name on photo ID
At-home over-the-counter tests will not be accepted at entry unless administered on site and witnessed by camp staff member if camp chooses to allow this verification method.

Participants who are unvaccinated and have recently tested positive (but have been released from isolation) are told not to test for 90 days, because they may continue to test positive. In these cases, we plan to accept a public health release letter dated within 90 days of the event in place of a recent negative test. A release letter from a doctor on official letterhead may also be accepted.