



Hello Camp Families,

As we plan Backpack Adventure Camp for summer 2021, we are doing our best to make sure camp is as safe as possible for your children and our staff! We have received some questions about safety protocols, especially with changing CDC guidelines. We would like to share some of our specific guidelines that may be helpful to you.

We will be following these guidelines to ensure the safety of your children. **We ask you to follow these recommendations before and during Backpack Adventure Camp 2021.** To see a list of safety measures **required** for camp, please see the Parent Agreement and COVID-19 Response Plan for Camp 2021.

We understand that quarantining for 10 days in Door County might not be possible for some families. We ask that if it is not possible to quarantine for 10 days in Door County, you do so at home before travelling, making limited stops while travelling. If you cannot quarantine, your child can get a viral test 3 days before the start of camp. Your child will need to have a negative test result and should to quarantine after receiving the test until the start of camp.

Please adhere to the CDC Guidelines for Travel for Unvaccinated People as best as possible. While many parents/guardians are likely to be vaccinated by July, children will not be and are therefore at risk of spreading the virus. The CDC guidelines for Travel for Unvaccinated People are as follows:

CDC Guidelines for Travel for Unvaccinated People
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Before you travel:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Get a viral test 1-3 days before your trip.● While you are traveling:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Wear a mask over your nose and mouth. Masks are required on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations.○ Avoid crowds and stay at least 6 feet/2 meters (about 2 arm lengths) from anyone who is not traveling with you.○ Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol).● After you travel:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Get tested with a viral test 3-5 days after travel AND stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel.<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Even if you test negative, stay home and self-quarantine for the full 7 days.

- If your test is positive, isolate yourself to protect others from getting infected.
- If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.
- Avoid being around people who are at increased risk for severe illness for 14 days, whether you get tested or not.
- Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms.
- Follow all state and local recommendations or requirements.
- Visit your state, territorial, tribal or local external icon health department's website to look for the latest information on where to get tested.
- For more information, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>

We do not require families to quarantine for the duration of camp. We recognize that many families are on vacation or have other engagements throughout the month of July. However, for the safety of your children, **we will be adhering to the following safety precautions. We ask that you and your family do the same to the best of your ability:**

- Receive COVID-19 vaccinations.
- Wear a mask and practice social distancing in public spaces.
- Wear a mask during all education programming. Masks are mandatory for all youth programming at The Ridges.
- Screen your child for COVID –19 symptoms every day before camp, including temperature, sore throat, cough, shortness of breath, etc. For a full list of symptoms and other requirements for staying home, see our COVID-19 Response Plan.
- Avoid large gatherings indoors, including crowded bars, concerts, or other events with many unmasked individuals closer than 6ft apart.

We understand that no one gets sick on purpose! However, there are many possible scenarios for cancelling camp or keeping a child at home. We will adhere to our safety protocols as well as CDC guidelines for unvaccinated people.

- If a child tests positive for COVID-19, we will notify all families (we will keep the child's identity anonymous) and camp will be cancelled for the remainder of the week. We will report the event to the Door County Health Department.
- If a child develops symptoms of COVID-19 while at camp, we will isolate the child until a parent/guardian can pick them up, following our normal safety protocols. We will also notify the Door County Health Department.
- If a child has symptoms of COVID-19 but tests negative, that child must complete the 10-day quarantine recommended by the CDC. They may return to camp if they are signed up for another week after their quarantine period ends.
- If a child is directly exposed to someone with COVID-19, they cannot attend summer camp until they have tested negative and completed the 10-day quarantine recommended by the CDC.
- If your child comes to camp at tells a teacher they have symptoms or have had symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 10 days, we will require a parent/ guardian to pick them up. We understand that you know your child best, and allergies or chronic illness can look similar to COVID-19

symptoms. However, because we are responsible for the safety of all the children that attend camp, we will require parent pick-up for any of the following symptoms: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea or vomiting, loss of taste or smell OR any two of the following: atypical headache, muscle pain or body aches, sore throat, unusual fatigue, nausea, or congestion/ runny nose. This does not apply to individuals with a doctor's note stating that the child does not have COVID-19.

For more information regarding our exposure and quarantine protocols, please read the COVID-19 Response Plan for Camp 2021. Unless camp is cancelled due to staff necessity, no refunds will be issued.

The safety of your children is our priority! If you have any questions regarding this document or any requirements for summer camp 2021, please email anna@ridgessanctuary.org or call (920)-839-2802.

We can't wait to see your children at The Ridges!

Best,

The Ridges Education Team