

**To:** Staff and Campers at Brookwoods and Deer Run

**Date:** May 26, 2021

**From:** Bob Strodel, Executive Director

**Subject:** COVID Impacts for 2021 Summer

The last 15 months have not been normal for anyone, and we will all continue to feel the impact of COVID-19 in some fashion going forward. This document is intended to provide some overall guidance for the summer and provide some expectations before arrival at camp.

**To comply with current existing New Hampshire State guidelines**, the following expectations and practices will be in place this summer for camper and staff:

1. Pre-arrival Procedures:
  - A. Staff and campers should participate in low-risk pre-camp behaviors for the 10 days prior to arriving at camp, to avoid any possible COVID-19 exposure.
  - B. **A COVID-19 screening test shall be done in the 7 days prior to arriving at camp.** This test should be conducted with a nucleic acid amplification test [NAAT] such as a PCR-based test, and the test results must be made available upon arrival at camp.
2. Camp Arrival:
  - A. All entering the camp on incoming day will be screened with a temperature check and a screening questionnaire. It is expected that masks will be worn inside any building and outside when not able to be socially distanced.
  - B. Campers and Staff, will receive a saliva-based PCR test upon arrival at camp.
3. Additional screening will be conducted on all campers and staff on day 5 after incoming day, for those staying at camp longer than a week. This will be a saliva-based PCR test.
4. **As per CDC and State guidelines, fully vaccinated individuals, or people recently infected with COVID-19 in the prior 90 days, do not need to undergo testing.** [This statement does not infer the camps are recommending vaccination.] Please provide proper documentation, such as a vaccination card or note from a Doctor, to satisfy this upon arrival at camp.
5. Cabin assignments and job responsibilities, for both campers and staff will constitute a "cohort". Face masks shall be worn when unable to socially distance with staff and campers from a different cohort.
6. Camp staff will maintain a regular schedule for cleaning and sanitizing public spaces.
7. If a camper or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19 during their time at camp, they will immediately be isolated and, per state guidelines, have to go home within 24 hours. This is challenging for campers [or staff] coming from a considerable distance. Camp has designated space for quarantine of campers and staff if needed prior to pick up.
8. If a camper or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, their cabin group or cohort (including their Counselors) will be quarantined from the camp population as they undergo a Covid-19 test and await results. The cabin group will still be able to be engaged in some designated camp activities, but they will need to be isolated from the rest of the camp population.
9. Masks shall be worn when entering and exiting the Dining Hall. Tables will be assigned by cohorts, spaced 6 feet apart, and only while sitting at the tables shall masks be removed.
10. We cannot conduct "visiting days", for campers or staff, this summer due to our desire to maintain a safe environment.

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## SPECIAL COVID-19 DISCLOSURE, ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND WAIVER

Parents, we at Brookwoods and Deer Run want to communicate with you regarding the unique circumstances we are dealing with this year at camp as we continue to have some impact with COVID-19. To make sure we have sound communication, Brookwoods and Deer Run has modified our normal risk acknowledgement to include some specific COVID-19 items. **This form must be read, signed and delivered to camp for your camper to participate.**

With respect to COVID-19, camp will endeavor to conduct safe programs, and to inform our families of inherent risks. Safety is an essential element of the activities we offer, and we are striving to observe reasonable precautions. At camp, risks do exist for the transmission of communicable diseases and viruses, including COVID-19. We strive to conduct our programs according to practices and procedures recommended by the American Camping Association & CDC, and guidelines set by State and local health organizations. Parents also acknowledge their responsibility to ensure any family member arriving at camp has not been exposed to sickness or virus before arrival at camp.

We ask you to acknowledge that camp cannot guarantee you or your child will not contract or come in contact with COVID-19 or any similar virus. You also acknowledge your cooperation is necessary to provide as safe an environment as possible with respect to camps' operations in dealing with COVID-19, including providing to us accurate information. **Your submission of this document attests that you have read the guidelines, have discussed them with your children the importance of compliance, and to provide necessary documentation to the camps' medical staff that will document pre-camp screening tests and/or vaccine administration.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent (printed) : \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent (printed) : \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_