



## **2021 Primitive Pursuits COVID-19 Parent Handbook for Camp**

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*(subject to changes as coronavirus conditions and guidelines change)*

### **COVID-19 Protective Measures**

By sending your child to Primitive Pursuits, you attest that your household is abiding by New York States guidelines for [protecting your family from coronavirus](#) until such time as it is no longer deemed necessary by the Tompkins County Health Department.

You also attest that your household members are following all NYS travel guidelines, and other coronavirus mandates frequently updated on the [NYS coronavirus webpage](#).

You must let our office know if anyone in your household may have been exposed to COVID-19. Please contact our Registrar (before camp) or a Camp Director (while attending camp) if you are unsure how these guidelines may apply in your specific situation.

More information can be found at the CDC's pages for [Prevention](#) and for [Going Out](#).

### **Camper Illness Policy**

Protecting the health of our families is our highest priority. We are modifying our camper illness policy in response to ongoing Tompkins County Health Department (TCHD) guidelines. If your camper has any of the following symptoms associated with COVID-19, not otherwise explained (for example, by allergies, a recent physical injury, etc), then they should not come to camp, and may be excluded from camp at the discretion of our Health Screener and/or Camp Director. If so, please refer with the TCHD for guidance regarding testing and isolation.

1. Fever of 100F or above
2. Persistent Cough, Sore throat or difficulty breathing
3. Repeated chills and/or shaking
4. Muscle pain
5. Headache
6. Newly acquired loss of taste or smell

Your camper may return to camp after having the above symptoms if they have been symptom-free for 24 hours AND Fever-free for 72 hours with either:

1. Negative COVID-19 test result; OR
2. Release Letter from TCHD indicating it is okay to return to program



Your camper may not come to camp if, in the last 10 days, anyone in household:

1. Has been confirmed positive for COVID-19
2. Has been tested for COVID-19 due to suspected exposure and is awaiting test results
3. Was under quarantine for suspected exposure to COVID-19

**Dropping Off your Child at Camp:**

1. Self-Monitoring before arrival to camp: Campers, Staff and Caregivers should self-monitor their health daily before coming to camp and take note of any symptoms listed above. We encourage you to monitor body temperature starting two days before camp.
2. Check In:
  - a. Drop-off times will be staggered based on camp (see “Course Level”):
    - i. 8:40-9:00 Pathfinders, Advanced and Specialty Camps
    - ii. 9:00-9:20 Forest Village and Forest Explorers Camps
    - iii. 9:30-9:40 Growing Wild Camp
    - iv. 9:00-9:10 Travel Camp (will change if Vans are permitted)
  - b. For families with campers in multiple age groups, we will be in communication before your camp week about which time slot to pick up your campers.
  - c. Drop-off will be contact-free with caregivers staying in their cars with drive-up drop-off. At 4-H Acres drivers will be directed to use our long driveway loop. At all locations, drivers can expect to be directed where to stop by staff. Our staff Health Screeners will check in campers from their car window using our Health Screening Protocol. During the screening process, all individuals should stay in their car. All caregivers and screeners must be wearing a face mask during check-in.
  - d. Please note: If caregivers need to exit the car to assist their child, please maintain 6 feet distance between other members of the camp community and always wear a mask. There will be designated parking spots available if further conversation with camp staff is required.
3. Health Screening at Camp
  - a. All campers and staff will undergo daily health screenings
  - b. Screenings will include questions including and not limited to: symptoms of COVID-19, the occurrence of a positive test of COVID-19, proximity to people of suspected or positive cases of COVID-19 and recent travel history.
  - c. All answers to screenings will be reviewed and recorded daily by Camp Directors.



4. Health Screener will take camper's temperature with non-contact thermometer and:
  - a. Record temperature as permissible OR
  - b. Send camper home if temperature is above 100F
  
5. Campers will use hand sanitizer or handwashing stations immediately upon entering camp.

### **Picking Up Your Camper**

1. Campers will stay in their cohorts during pick-up and have a staggered departure in a similar format to drop off:
  - a. 1:30-1:40 Growing Wild
  - b. 2:50-3:05 Forest Village and Forest Explorers Camps
  - c. 3:00-3:15 Pathfinders, Advanced and Specialty Camps
  - d. 3:10-3:20 Travel Camp pick up (will change if Vans are permitted)
  
2. For families with campers in multiple age groups, we ask that you pick up your campers at the earliest time indicated. Growing Wild campers will need to be picked up separately from other campers.
  
3. Caregivers will pick up while staying in their vehicles. Campers will be in small groups along the main lawn.
  
4. All Campers will wash or sanitize their hands before leaving camp
  
5. Epic Day (Extended Care) is not yet available for summer 2021

### **How Your Child May Experience Camp - please discuss with your child:**

1. Staff are required to wear face coverings at all times. They will also wear name tags. Campers are required to wear a face covering to camp (and bring an extra) that they are able to put on by themselves. Campers will wear masks unless a staff person determines that social distancing can be maintained during small group activity times, such as during meals.
  
2. Campers will stay with their assigned group for the entirety of the week and intergroup mingling will be extremely limited. This will be apparent at our check in and check out procedures and during the camp day where in previous years camp groups may have come together for activities. If groups are close together they will keep at least 10 feet apart.
  
3. Program supplies, bathrooms, and any touched surfaces will be disinfected regularly according to Health Department standards.



4. Campers will be asked to sanitize or wash their hands upon arrival and departure as well as other times throughout the day including after bathroom use, before and after eating and after touching program supplies.
5. During snack and lunch, campers will not be permitted to share food. During meal times, campers will sit at least 6 feet apart. We can not ensure that campers will be able to heat lunch items. Lunch items should be ready to consume without needing heating.

### **When Physical Distancing is Not Possible**

There are times when physical distancing will not be possible, particularly with our youngest campers who may need assistance with tasks such as opening lunch containers, changing their clothes or may need to be consoled using touch. Another example is the need for staff to apply first aid. In these circumstances, our staff will be wearing masks and will be following consistent hand washing/sanitizing protocols between each interaction.

### **COVID-19 Exposure Response**

If there is a confirmed positive test of someone who has been at camp in the last four days (or following current protocol from the Tompkins County Health Department), Primitive Pursuits will communicate immediately with Tompkins County Health Department. The Tompkins County Health Department will provide information on the procedures for Primitive Pursuits to follow, including if and when to close programs and who to contact.

Primitive Pursuits will clean and disinfect all areas that could have been exposed to COVID-19. Additionally, Primitive Pursuits will maintain confidentiality of the camper or staff member as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act.

### **Camp Store**

This summer we are not yet planning to offer an in-person camp store. We will create an online store with payment online, and weekly camp pick-up of orders. Purchases will be individually bagged with the camper's name on it.

### **Inclement Weather**

1. In the case of thunderstorms, camps at the 4-H location will seek shelter in the pole barn with each cohort staying 10 feet apart and all campers and staff wearing masks. Other camp locations will also have a designated thunderstorm protocol.



2. If severe and prolonged thunderstorms are in the forecast it is possible we may decide to cancel camp that day.
3. If we do cancel camp because of weather, we will make every effort to notify the primary account holder by 8 am that morning.

### **Updating Camper Health Histories**

Please take a moment to update your child's camper health history if you think there is anything further we need to know about concerns related to COVID-19. If your child has one of the following conditions, or any other pre-existing condition of concern we encourage you to consult with your doctor and update your health history in your online portal:

- a. Chronic Lung Disease
- b. Moderate and above asthma
- c. Serious heart conditions
- d. Immunocompromised
- e. Severe obesity
- f. Diabetes
- g. Chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
- h. Liver Disease

### **Questions or Concerns?**

We encourage families to reach out to us with your questions or concerns. We are doing our best to stay up to speed with new information as quickly as possible and will do our best to keep families up to date if changes occur. Please also refer to our COVID-19 page on our website.