



2021 Primitive Pursuits COVID-19 Parent Handbook for Camp

Last updated: 6/18/2021

(subject to changes as coronavirus conditions and guidelines change)

COVID-19 Update 6/18/2021

As of June 15, 2021, many of the [New York State](#) and [Tompkins'](#) COVID-19 restrictions around mask wearing, distancing, sanitizing, health screening, and gathering have relaxed or lifted entirely.

In using guidance from [NYS Department of Health guidelines for summer camp](#), Primitive Pursuits is adopting the following mask wearing policy:

- Campers and staff, regardless of vaccination status, will not be required to wear face coverings outdoors, or maintain social distance. However, if your camper(s), regardless of vaccination status, would prefer to continue wearing a face covering/mask during camp, they will be supported to do so.
- All staff and campers must wear face coverings during drop off, during pick up, and while indoors, regardless of vaccination status. Appropriate face coverings include but are not limited to cloth-based 2-ply face coverings and disposable masks that securely cover both the mouth and nose (Not acceptable face coverings include bandanas, buffs and face shields).

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

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 to 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 (subject to change)
 - 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: 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. Campers will be asked to use hand sanitizer or wash hands 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. 2:50-3:00 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 (subject to change)
2. 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. 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. Extended day care is not available for summer 2021.

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

1. Staff will wear name tags.
2. Campers and staff, regardless of vaccination status, will not be required to wear face coverings outdoors, or maintain social distance. However, if your camper(s), regardless of vaccination status, would prefer to continue wearing a face covering/mask during camp, they will be supported to do so.
3. All staff and campers must wear face coverings during drop off, during pick up, and while indoors, regardless of vaccination status. Appropriate face coverings include but are not limited to cloth-based 2-ply face coverings and disposable masks that securely cover both the mouth and nose (Not acceptable face coverings include bandanas, buffs and face shields).
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, and before and after eating.
5. Lunch items should be ready to consume without needing heating. We cannot ensure that campers will be able to heat lunch items.

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. 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.

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.

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. 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 8:00 am that morning.

Questions or Concerns?

We encourage families to reach out to us with your questions, concerns, or feedback!