



COVID-19 Protocols for Day Camps, Vacation Bible School, and Other Group Activities

The following is general guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding activities such as day camps and Vacation Bible School. Please keep in mind that laws and regulations vary by jurisdiction, and you should consult your local health authority for the latest requirements and guidelines for your area.

Health authorities such as the CDC and Public Health Agency of Canada recommend promoting vaccination for staff and participants. Volunteers or other individuals who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19, including children under the age of 12, should use prevention strategies, such as wearing masks, physical distancing, proper hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.

Facility COVID-19 Prevention Strategies

- Prevent crowding at events by taking measures such as modifying layouts or installing physical barriers or guides to support physical distancing where appropriate.
- When possible, hold events outdoors.

- Improve ventilation for indoor events.
- Conduct routine cleaning of high-touch surfaces to help maintain healthy facilities.

Staff and Attendee COVID-19 Prevention Strategies

- Ensure that staff and attendees wear masks correctly and consistently.
- Encourage physical distancing and handwashing.
- Encourage staff and attendees to cover coughs and sneezes.
- If they are sick or have any symptoms of COVID-19, encourage staff and attendees to stay home and get tested for COVID-19.
- If staff and attendees are not fully vaccinated



and have been in close contact with someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19, tell them to quarantine and get tested for COVID-19.

- Use isolation and quarantine measures for staff or attendees who show symptoms of COVID-19. Conduct contact tracing if anyone tests positive

for COVID-19. These steps should be taken in a manner consistent with applicable laws and regulations, including those relating to privacy, and in collaboration with state, tribal, local, and territorial health departments.

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