



COVID-19 PLAYBOOK

SUMMER 2022

COMPLIANCE STANDARDS

We are also closely following the recommendations put forth by the [American Camp Association](#), the [Association of Camp Nursing](#), and the [Centers for Disease Control](#).

The procedures, policies, and requirements we have outlined below have come **directly** from those guidelines. Please reference the linked documentation if you would like more information about how we formed our policies for this year.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Ma-He-Tu will adopt these guiding principles in our approach to COVID-19 this year. They are:

- Remaining Outdoors
- Masking Indoors
- Testing
- Distancing
- Quarantining (if needed)
- Communicating

VACCINES

PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE! ALL campers are now eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine.

We highly recommend your camper be **fully vaccinated 14 days prior** to her arrival at camp. Widespread vaccination is a critical tool to help stop the pandemic and mitigate spread at places like camp. The [CDC recommends](#) everyone 5 years and older get a COVID-19 vaccination.

PRIOR TO CAMP

BEHAVIOR AWARENESS AND HEALTH SURVEILLANCE

To minimize potential exposure, throughout the 10 days prior to camp arrival, unvaccinated campers and their families should:

- Monitor for **symptoms** of COVID-19
- Wear a face **mask** covering when in public
- Maintain social **distancing**
- Avoid extended periods in public, contact with strangers, and large congregate settings



HEALTH FORMS

All forms must be uploaded to your Active account or scanned and emailed to the Registrar electronically via info@mahetu.org for review **no later than 3 WEEKS prior to the session start date**. Bring original forms with you to check-in.

- Second Session Health Forms are due: **June 12**
- Third Session Health Forms are due: **June 26**
- Fourth Session Health Forms are due: **July 10th**

Please visit our [Forms for Campers](#) page on our website for instructions.

TESTING

All campers must bring proof of a **negative** polymerase chain reaction (PCR) diagnostic test **within 72 hours** of reporting to camp. Please be prepared to obtain or perform a test that guarantees proof of results within the given time frame. There are rapid PCR tests available which are acceptable if they are **PCR** tests (and not Antigen tests). We will not accept antigen, rapid antigen, at-home test results, or antibody results. PCR tests should be performed **no earlier than** the below dates:

- Second Session: **June 30**
- Third Session: **July 14**
- Fourth Session: **July 28**

ARRIVAL AT CAMP

DO NOT BRING YOUR CAMPER IF SHE HAS ANY SIGNS OF ILLNESS.

CHECK-IN

- We will be continuing our popular drive-through, “**kiss-and-go**” process for check-in. Please see the [Check-In section of the Ma-He-Tu Manual](#) for more detailed information about this process.
 - Campers will exit their cars and be accompanied by staff to a nearby screening station.
 - Other staff will unload the camper’s belongings and move them into the cabin/tent.
 - All family members must stay in their car.
 - Staff members will accompany campers to their units when check-in is complete.
- Families will be **assigned specific arrival times** for drop off and pickup.
 - Assigned times will be communicated roughly **one week** in advance.
 - Families with more than one camper will be assigned to ONE drop-off time.
 - Please allow for traffic, problems with directions, and any other issue that might affect your travel time. **Strict adherence to the drop-off schedule** will be imperative for a successful check-in. We appreciate your full support and cooperation.



REQUIRED COVID-19 DOCUMENTATION

Upon arrival at camp,

- **ALL campers** must present documentation of a **negative** COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction (PCR) diagnostic test performed within the **last 72 hours**.
- **Vaccinated** campers need to provide proof of having completed the COVID-19 vaccination. Vaccination cards can be uploaded to your Active account or emailed to info@mahetu.org.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS AGREEMENT

Camper parents/guardians must sign an agreement that:

- My camper will need to present a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 72 hours of arriving at camp.
- My camper may be tested for COVID-19 on-site during the camp session.
- My camper may be quarantined/isolated onsite until she can be removed from camp.
- I am responsible for picking her up and removing her from camp within 6 hours of given notice by Camp Ma-He-Tu. I understand that she may be picked up by a parent, guardian, or designee, as specified on the Camper Discharge Form. If the person assigned to pick up my camper has tested positive for, or is exhibiting symptoms of, COVID-19, I understand that they cannot come to camp. An alternative person will pick up my camper.
- I will not send my camper if she is experiencing symptoms or has been exposed to COVID-19 within 5 days of attending camp.
- If I become aware that my camper had close contact with a person with COVID-19 or if anyone in my camper's immediate family displays symptoms of COVID-19, tests positive, or has been exposed to anyone with symptoms or a confirmed or suspected case I will inform Camp Ma-He-Tu immediately.

HEALTH SCREENING

All campers will have their **temperatures** checked during check-in.

The following questions will be asked of all campers:

- Has the camper knowingly been in close or proximate contact in the past 10 days with anyone who has tested positive for, or who has or had symptoms of, COVID-19?
- Has the camper experienced any symptoms of COVID-19 including a temperature of greater than 100.4 degrees in the past 10 days?

Anyone who does not successfully complete the screening will be instructed to return home and contact their healthcare provider for assistance and testing.



WHILE AT CAMP

ON-GOING MONITORING

All campers will be **screened** regularly while at camp. We will be doing daily health checks for symptoms, taking temperatures, and asking those questions we all have memorized by now.

TESTING

All campers will be given a **rapid COVID-19 test** during the first few days of the session to ensure everyone's health and safety.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Distancing continues to play an important role in mitigating spread, therefore, **we will:**

- Lower **capacity** to ensure sleeping arrangements are physically distanced.
- Have beds at least six feet apart and arranged sleeping **head to toe**.
- **Stagger** the use of small, shared spaces, such as bathrooms and showers, during heavy use times.
- Have as much of our fun **outdoors** as possible!

MASKING UP

- All staff and campers should bring **well-fitting** masks in case a need for masking arises.

KEEPING IT CLEAN

- Campers and staff will wash their hands before and after every activity and meal.
- We will increase the amount of hand washing and hand sanitizer stations we have around camp.
- Kapers (our name for chores) will be occurring – but not to worry! The counselors and CITs will be doing the heavy lifting!
- We will increase cleaning and disinfecting any frequently touched surfaces in communal spaces. We'll do the same to any supplies or equipment between uses.



SUSPECTED OR POSITIVE COVID-19 AT CAMP

- First, please **do not** send your camper if she or anyone in her family has any symptoms of COVID-19.
- **Call the camp nurse** at **(845) 947-2580** if anyone in the camper's immediate family displays symptoms of COVID-19, tests positive, or has been exposed to anyone with symptoms or a confirmed or suspected case.
- If someone at camp shows symptoms, they will be **isolated immediately**, cared for, and given a rapid COVID-19 test.
 - A camper with a positive test result will remain isolated and must leave camp within 6 hours. Contact tracing will begin at the first sign of symptoms and may result in other campers leaving camp.
- Per the signed **COVID-19 Protocols Agreement**, it is imperative that someone is available to pick up your camper within **6 hours** if it is deemed necessary for her to leave camp.
- You will be notified as soon as possible if a COVID-19-related incident occurs at camp.
- We will transport sick individuals to a hospital if symptoms become severe.

THANK YOU

Thank you for reading.

Thank you for taking the threat of COVID-19 seriously.

Thank you for helping us keep your campers safe and healthy at camp.

Thank you for sharing the new policies and procedures with your campers and making sure they understand them.

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