

COVID-19 Camps Advice | 7 Jan 2022

BEFORE CAMP

- Have a process for campers and leaders to declare that:
 - They are currently free of symptoms of COVID-19.
 - They have not been diagnosed as a COVID-19 case or identified as a close contact of someone diagnosed with COVID-19 in the previous 7 days.
 - They will notify camp organisers if they develop symptoms of COVID-19 while on camp.
- Where possible, encourage leaders and campers to conduct a RAT (Rapid Antigen Test) the day of camp. This is not a requirement to attend camp but helps minimize risk leading into camp.
- Encourage all leaders and campers to be up to date with vaccinations and boosters they are eligible for.

DURING CAMP

- Implement the following measures to minimize the risk of virus transmission:
 - Masks on indoors for those over 12 years of age at all times (except when eating, drinking, showering or sleeping).
 - Support social distancing wherever possible.
 - Ample ventilation should be provided with windows and doors open or by other means.
 - Activities should be run outdoors where possible, including small groups, seminars and meals.
 - Keep camper groups (especially room groups) as consistent as possible for the duration of camp.
 - Where possible seek to minimise the number of people per bedroom, by utilising all available rooms.

RESPONSE TO POSSIBLE COVID-19 CASE:

Implement the following guidelines in the event of a possible COVID-19 case.

A) A person with symptoms

- If a leader or camper develops symptoms of COVID-19:
 1. They must be isolated immediately until they can be picked up from camp by a parent, guardian or other suitable person.
 2. They must be tested for COVID-19 (which we strongly recommend be conducted at a testing clinic)* and isolate at home while waiting for results. The camp organisers must be notified ASAP with the test results.
 - If the result is positive, they must remain in isolation at home.
 - If the result is negative, they may return to camp once symptoms clear.

3. The room group of the person with symptoms are to be monitored for COVID-19 symptoms while waiting for results. If a positive result is returned (PCR or RAT), follow the procedure for close contacts below.

B) Close contacts

- A person who has shared a room (i.e. room group members) with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 is a close contact.
 1. They must be isolated immediately until they can be picked up from camp by a parent, guardian or other suitable person.
 2. They must be tested for COVID-19 (which we strongly recommend be conducted at a testing clinic)* and isolate at home while waiting for results. The camp organisers must be notified ASAP with the test results.
 - If the result is positive, they must remain in isolation at home.
 - If the result of the test is negative close contacts must follow government isolation guidelines.

* It is strongly recommended that COVID-19 testing is undertaken at a testing clinic. However, if your group has Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) kits then you could use them to test a person with symptoms to obtain immediate results for faster identification of close contacts to reduce risk of spread. **Please note** under current guidelines that a positive RAT result is sufficient confirmation of a diagnosis, **but a negative result must still be followed up at a testing clinic.**

FURTHER ADVICE:

- For help implanting this advice for your context contact your [regional Youthworks advisor](#)
- For general Covid-19 advice on youth and children's ministry [click here](#)
- For Advice from NSW Health on Testing and Isolation [click here](#)
- You may wish to consult the [Accommodation](#) and [Hospitality](#) COVID-19 Safety Plans for additional advice.

FLOWCHART FOR RESPONSE TO POSSIBLE COVID-19 CASE:

