

PIONEER CAMP ALBERTA

Parent Guidelines Summer Camp 2021

1. Prior to Arrival at Camp

- Campers and staff are encouraged to minimize exposure to other people in the period leading up to their attendance at camp by limiting non-essential movement outside the home.
- Campers, parents/guardians and essential visitors must be screened upon arrival at camp, prior to registration.
 - Screening for campers will include a symptom questionnaire, a temperature check
 - Screening for staff and volunteers will include a symptom questionnaire, a temperature check and weekly COVID-19 rapid test
- Entry to camp will be denied to any individual who has any of the symptoms outlined in the COVID-19 Reference Document for Symptoms from AHS.
- Campers or staff from outside of Canada must follow government guidelines for quarantining, screening and testing prior to camp and will be tested for COVID-19 before travelling to camp.
- Camp will be keeping daily records of anyone (campers, staff, service providers) entering the camp property for contact tracing. This includes parents and or guardians dropping campers off or picking up from camp.
- Campers or staff who are symptomatic prior to camp and are unable to arrive on the scheduled day, may enter or return to camp upon proof of a negative, approved COVID-19 test, and acceptable responses to all other screening assessments.

2. Upon Arrival at Camp

We ask for everyone's patience as we navigate the ever-changing COVID-19 situation. This process may take longer than in the past, but we promise to do our best to make it as efficient as possible, while abiding by all health standards in regards to the COVID-19 situation.

- Camp staff and volunteers will be abiding by public health measures when campers arrive.
- Pick up and drop off procedures will support physical distancing and cohorting using strategies such as, but not limited to, staggering of arrivals and departures, arrival or departure stations, limiting the number of parents/guardians to one per camper, limiting the numbers of people in entry areas, washrooms, and common areas.
- Pick up and drop off of camp participants will happen outside the camp facilities, unless it is determined that there is a need for the parent/guardian to enter the setting. Non-medical masks, hand hygiene and distancing will be ensured. If conditions, such as weather changes arise, making this difficult parents/guardian can expect possible long-er wait times either in their vehicles or at social distanced stations for sign in or sign out.
- During the registration process, parents can expect to answer a COVID-19 screening questionnaire and sign it for contact tracing. Following the questionnaire, each camper will receive a temperature check. Once parents/guardians have fulfilled the screening requirements, the registration process can begin. The screening is voluntary and parents/guardians will sign an informed consent to allow their camper(s) to receive a temperature check.
 - Those administering screening will be wearing proper PPE including masks and gloves

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- Parents/guardians will not be permitted in the camper's assigned accommodation. A central drop off for campers and their luggage will be designated and campers and staff will transport their belongings.
- Other individuals waiting for a camper to get settled in their accommodation may remain in designated areas or wait in their vehicles. Social distancing will be required and wearing of masks will be required, where social distancing is not possible.
- Individuals waiting to receive the lice check and needing to see the camp first aid/nurse will be required to social distance and have masks available in cases where social distancing may not be possible. Please be patient with this process as line ups could be longer than expected and this is a process that we do not want to rush.
- Cohorts will be organized and sized in a manner that ensures staff/camper ratios according to Health standards and where feasible recommended by Ministry of Education's Guide to reopening schools.
- All programs will be operated in consistent cohorts, including staff & volunteers.
- Physical distancing will be encouraged by spreading cohorts into different areas, spreading equipment and activity stations into different areas.
- Signs and posters will be posted reminding all camp participants to abide by health standards.
- Activities and common routines will be staggered to reduce the number of individuals in common areas.

3. While at Camp

- Once campers and staff have fulfilled pre-screening requirements, camp will maintain an isolated environment by restricting exposure to and from surrounding community. E.G., no visitors and ensuring contactless deliveries, etc.
- Multiple cohorts in a shared indoor space (e.g., arts and crafts, recreation hall) should maintain physical distancing and masking is required.
- Exceptions will be made where safety limits the ability to distance (e.g., emergency drills, first aid, severe weather)

A. Cohorts & Activities

- A cohort is a group of campers and/or staff who have frequent and/or close interactions; this includes shared sleeping quarters that function similarly to a household and can remain distanced from other cohorts.

B. Masks & Personal Belongings

- Masks will be worn indoors and whenever an individual is with other cohorts or individuals not part of one's cohort.

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- Each camper should bring at least 4 masks that comply with local health standards. They should be clearly labeled/marked with the camper's name on them.
- The use of masks should be avoided if undue added risk may occur in certain activity areas (e.g., interfering with communication or with the activity), or if breathing is difficult during extremely hot weather conditions.
- Personal belongings brought to camp will not be shared between individuals. Personal items such as, water bottle, clothing, backpack, towel, sunscreen, and bug spray need to be labeled and kept in the individual's designated cohort area.

C. Cleaning & Hand Hygiene

- Cleaning will be done using disinfectant products that have a Drug Identification Number (DIN)
- We will be instituting frequent, proper and supervised hand washing/hygiene using soap and water over alcohol-based hand rub whenever possible.
- Hand hygiene will be enhanced before and after activities that involve the frequent touching of objects or using common equipment (e.g., balls, climbing harnesses & facilities, lifejackets, etc.)
- Programs that utilize an indoor space/room that is shared by cohorts must ensure the space/room is clean and disinfected before and after using the space. A cleaning log will be posted and used to track cleaning.

D. Meals

- Campers and staff will perform proper hand hygiene before and after eating.
- Only individuals within a cohort will eat together and will be distanced from all other cohorts.
- Masks should be worn within the indoor dining area, unless seated and eating.
- All staff/volunteers/individuals working in the kitchen will follow health standards and food service health and safety during COVID-19, including wearing of masks, gloves and aprons.

E. Regular Health Checks & Management of COVID-19 Symptoms

- Campers, staff and volunteers will undergo daily health screening with daily record-keeping.
- Consideration will be taken for the staff/campers who have documented seasonal allergies or pre-existing conditions that are not COVID-19 related (e.g., chronic runny nose/congestion/migraine).

4. Pick-up from Camp

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- Camp staff and volunteers will be abiding by public health measures when campers leave.
- Pick up and drop off procedures will support physical distancing and cohorting using strategies such as, but not limited to, staggering of arrivals and departures, arrival or departure stations, limiting the number of parents/guardians to one per camper, and limiting the numbers of people in entry areas, washrooms, and common areas.
- Pick up and drop off of camp participants will happen outside the camp facilities, unless it is determined that there is a need for the parent/guardian to enter the setting. Non-medical masks, hand hygiene and distancing will be ensured. If conditions, such as weather changes arise, making sign in or sign out difficult, parents/guardians can expect possible longer wait times, either in their vehicles or at social distanced stations.
- Upon arrival at camp on pick up day, parents/guardians can expect to answer a COVID-19 screening questionnaire and sign for contact tracing. Once parents/guardians have fulfilled the screening requirements, they can proceed with picking up their child. We encourage families to use the same individual for drop off and pick up.
- Parents/guardians will not be permitted in accommodation areas. All campers' belongings will be brought to a designated area for pick up. Any lost and found items will be displayed in this area as well.
- Other individuals waiting for a camper to gather their belongings and exit the accommodation, may walk around designated areas or wait in their vehicles. Social distancing will be required and wearing of masks will be required, where social distancing is not possible.
- One household at a time will be allowed in our camp general store. (or, a staff member will assist you in making purchases) Maximum time limited of 5-10 minutes will be given to make a purchase. We ask for respect and patience of other individuals.
- Individuals needing to see the camp first aid/nurse, will be required to social distance and have masks available in cases where social distancing may not be possible. Please be patient with this process as line ups could be longer than expected.

5. Assessment & Management of a Probable COVID-19 Case

- Assessment of a potential case of COVID-19 will be conducted as described by public guidance for schools and childcare facilities.
- Camp will be in contact with our local public health unit for direction in regards to handling and or reporting of possible COVID-19 case or confirmed COVID-19 case.

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- If a camper begins to show symptoms of COVID-19 at camp (loss of smell, fever, cough, shortness of breath), they will be isolated in our infirmary until arrangements can be made for them to go home for 24 hrs. We will request that while campers are at home they be tested for COVID-19 and the results shared with our camp directors so that we can take appropriate contact tracing measures with those who have been close contacts of the camper.
- Close contacts of a sick camper (the camper's cohort, see above) will be monitored for symptoms and if the sick camper tests positive for COVID-19 we will isolate the cohort until arrangements can be made for them to go home.
- Campers & staff who are in the same cohort as any person who screens positive, will be isolated from camp community, receive daily screening and where possible, receive covid-19 testing.