



2023 COVID MITIGATION PLAN

CURRENT STATUS:

TIER 1

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 2023 | VERSION 2.2023

We ran HUGELY successful, fun, and SAFE programs in 2021 & 2022. We are still so proud of the fact that we had ZERO cases of COVID at camp for the entirety of our 2021 summer season; this enormous feat was all thanks to the hard work from our medical team, camp staff, and camp families who created, implemented, followed (and adapted to the frequent changes to!) our Summer 2021 Mitigation Plan.

For Summer 2022, we, like a majority of summer camps around the country, still operated in a safe & reasonable way, despite having some positive COVID cases pop up in the middle of the season. Our Medical Staff from Sessions 2 & 3 did an incredible job managing the positive cases, working with parents, and keeping the rest of camp safe & healthy. Thankfully, the virus didn't seem to cause too severe of symptoms from what we could gather and was reported to us; the true disappointment was that COVID-positive kids had to go home to isolate until they were no longer symptomatic or tested negative.

One would think that working out the details for a COVID Mitigation Plan for the third summer in a row would be a breeze. While at this point we feel comfortable and confident in our ability to handle the *threat* of an infectious disease, the nature of *how* to handle a specific disease in the camp setting remains elusive; as we're sure you're well aware, one of the defining characteristics of the COVID-19 virus is its ability to mutate with what seems like every transmission. What was a symptom or concern for the virus last year might not be the same this year, and might be something totally different in 6 months. In short, we recognize & own up to the fact that making the perfect plan for mitigating COVID risk is **impossible**, but something we still want to strive for!

As we examine every aspect of how we proceed with our summer operations for 2023, our foremost goal is, as always, **the safety and protection of our campers, our staff, their families, and the community at large**. To this end, we are again adopting the "Best Practices" for screening, hygiene, congregating, and testing that have been recommended by the CDC, the Arizona State Health Department, the Yavapai County Health Department, and the American Camp Association, with additional consultation by our team of seasonal Medical Staff. We feel we can do no less for the families who have entrusted us with their most precious treasures.

For Summer 2023, we will be operating on a Tiered Mitigation Plan. We will move camp up or down to certain tiers based on the local positive infection & transmission rates for the Yavapai County/Prescott area per CDC information; we will also take into consideration the positive case rates for areas where we have a large population of campers traveling from. We feel as though this method is the best solution for allowing flexibility and adaptation, with the ultimate goal of keeping the campers & staff **HEALTHY** and **ABLE TO COME AND REMAIN AT CAMP**.

On the next page, we have provided a handy table that lists the requirements & policies for different categories within each of our three mitigation tiers. We have selected six categories of COVID management & provided the corresponding policies for each category based on its tier. The categories include:

- Pre-Arrival Testing
- Vaccinations
- Masking
- Testing at Camp
- Positive Test Protocol
- Temperature Checks

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AS OF THIS WRITING, OUR MOST CURRENT TIER STATUS IS:

TIER 1

Please note that we reserve the right to move our policy in either direction at any time between now and the end of our season, and will endeavor to notify our families & staff with at least **one week** of lead time should we need to move to a different tier.

	TIER 1	TIER 2	TIER 3
PRE-ARRIVAL TESTING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negative, proctored antigen test required for EVERY CAMPER/CILT/CIT, regardless of vaccination status, within 24 hours of arrival (SEE NEXT PAGE FOR PROTOCOLS & PROCEDURES) Potential regular testing for counselors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negative, proctored antigen test required for EVERY CAMPER/CILT/CIT, regardless of vaccination status, within 24 hours of arrival (SEE NEXT PAGE FOR PROTOCOLS & PROCEDURES) Required for counselors three days after time off away from camp
VACCINATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary doses REQUIRED for counselors Primary doses REQUIRED for Medical Staff Not required for campers Not required for auxiliary staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary doses REQUIRED for counselors Primary doses REQUIRED for Medical Staff Not required for campers Not required for auxiliary staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary doses REQUIRED for counselors Primary doses REQUIRED for Medical Staff Not required, but strongly encouraged for campers Not required, but strongly encouraged for auxiliary staff
MASKING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not required to mask indoors or outdoors Campers & staff are welcome to wear masks if they feel more comfortable doing so, without fear of rejection or ridicule by others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masking indoors not required, but strongly encouraged Masking outdoors not required Campers & staff are welcome to wear masks if they feel more comfortable doing so, without fear of rejection or ridicule by others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masking in indoor communal spaces required (Dining Lodge, Sewing room, Infirmary, etc.) Masking outdoors not required, so long as social distancing is kept Counselors required to wear masks full-time (except when sleeping) for three days after time off away from camp Cohorting cabins & activities
TESTING @ CAMP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Testing at camp only conducted for symptomatic patients <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-testing is not permitted based on positive result; we will treat all positive results as though they are truly positive 		
POSITIVE TEST PROTOCOL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If test at camp results in positive case: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAMPERS: Campers must be picked up within 24 hours from when FPC notifies parents, and will isolate at home for a minimum of 5 days STAFF: Staff must leave camp and isolate at home or in a hotel for a minimum of 5 days On day 5, campers/staff will retest: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A negative result means they can return to camp. Another positive result means they can return to camp on day 10 from original positive test. Upon return to camp, mask must be worn for 5 more days or until no longer symptomatic. 		
TEMPERATURE CHECKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not required for Summer 2023 upon arrival, nor the daily checks for the first three days like in 2021/2022. We will still take campers' temperatures during the normal health screening check that takes place on the first morning of camper's arrival. 		

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TIER 2 & 3 PRE-ARRIVAL TESTING PROTOCOLS & PROCEDURES

STEP 1: DETERMINE YOUR TEST DATE

In the event that we must move to Tier 2 or 3, ALL campers will need do a rapid antigen test on the day before their arrival.

For ADVENTURE CAMP & ADVENTURE TRAILS, this means taking your test on FRIDAY, with arrival day on SATURDAY.

For ALL OTHER SESSIONS, this means taking your test on SATURDAY, with arrival day on SUNDAY.

STEP 2: PURCHASE YOUR AT-HOME RAPID ANTIGEN TEST

Campers must use one of the following brands for their rapid antigen test, which can be found at your local pharmacy, Walmart, Amazon, etc.:

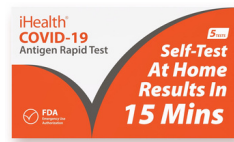
BinaxNow



Quidel Quick Vue



iHealth



On/Go



Flow Flex



IT IS IN YOUR BEST INTEREST TO PURCHASE A TEST NOW SO THAT YOU HAVE IT ON HAND IN THE EVENT WE MUST MOVE TO A HIGHER TIER. PLEASE MAKE SURE THE TEST'S EXPIRATION DATE IS AFTER YOUR CAMPER'S SESSION ENDS.

STEP 3: PROCESS YOUR TEST

In order for FPC to receive your results directly, you will need to process the antigen test via our online form. This processing will include filling out a form for each camper, and including photos of the camper, a photo of unused test, and a photo of the test result. We will send a detailed instruction document prior to your test date.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT CONSTITUTES THE NEED TO MOVE TO A DIFFERENT TIER?

We will continually monitor transmission rates, positive cases, and severity of symptoms in the Prescott area, as well as areas where a large population of our campers are traveling from to get to camp; this is usually the Phoenix and Tucson areas, but could also be Las Vegas and even Mexico.

We will also consult with our Medical Staff to determine the community risk level, as well as utilize guidance from the Yavapai County Health Department, Arizona State Health Department, the CDC, and the American Camp Association.

Though it may sound somewhat ambiguous, we will basically be conferring to the opinions of our own medical professionals, as well as public health officials, to how dangerous the current COVID rates are, and will then increase or decrease in tier level accordingly. There isn't really a quantifiable way to determine how or when we move to a new tier, other than how severe of an outbreak or surge there might be and what medical professionals think is the best way to combat the spread.

WHY ARE ALL CAMPERS REQUIRED TO TEST IN TIER 2 & 3? LAST YEAR VACCINATED AND/OR RECENTLY INFECTED & RECOVERED CAMPERS WERE EXEMPTED, SO WHY IS IT DIFFERENT THIS SUMMER?

While the vaccine has been found to be useful for helping lessen COVID infection severity, it appears as though the transmission rate from vaccinated individuals is not as low as previously predicted. In our own personal experience during Summer 2022, we found that we had a mix of both vaccinated and unvaccinated campers and staff test positive.

The ultimate goal of pre-arrival testing in Tier 2 & 3 is to try and prevent COVID coming into camp. We believe it is much easier for our camp families to manage and accept a camper coming to camp late or not at all, rather than coming to camp and then having to leave early in the event of a positive case. **THE ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO KEEP CAMPERS AT CAMP ONCE THEY ARRIVE, NOT SEND THEM HOME EARLY!** While we will never claim that pre-arrival testing will 100% prevent COVID from ever coming into camp, it should hopefully catch some campers that may be non-symptomatic.

MY CAMPER TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID, WHAT'S THE REFUND POLICY?

We'd like to remind everyone of our cancellation policy that you agreed to upon enrollment: after May 1st, the entire tuition payment for each camper becomes **non-refundable**. Friendly Pines will not be able to issue refunds after May 1st for campers that miss camp for *any* reason; this includes a positive COVID test result, whether that test happens before their arrival and/or during their session.

As we mentioned on one of the enrollment forms, it is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that you purchase **tuition insurance** in order to protect your investment. You can find more information on tuition insurance plans by going to our website: <https://friendlypines.com/tuition-insurance>

IN CONCLUSION...

Our leadership & medical staff worked incredibly hard on these policies, and we thank them for their time and dedication. We thank our camp families in advance for understanding and adhering to these policies. We want to make sure camp is a safe but still fun environment for everyone, and we believe that the policies listed herein will give us the flexibility to achieve this goal.

If you have any questions whatsoever about our 2023 COVID Policies, please do not hesitate to reach out to info@friendlypines.com or call (928) 445-2128. We are so looking forward to welcoming our camp families for another fabulous summer!

Yours & s'mores,

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