



## Camp Thunderbird, Y Outdoor Centre

### COVID-19 Frequently Asked Question – Summer Camp

*We continue to monitor Public Health Orders and Recommendations. Our practices will evolve as updated information and regulations are made available. We will align our practices with the [requirements in school settings](#) as well as [BCCA guidelines for Overnight School Trips](#). Last update: November 22, 2021.*

- When will everyone need to wear masks?
  - Masks are worn in indoor shared spaces (dining hall, bathrooms), at all times, except:
    - When sitting and eating in the dining hall
    - While using individual stalls in the shower house (toilets and showers).
  - Masks are worn on the bus.
  - Masks are encouraged in accommodations at all times except when in bed for sleep.
  - In rare circumstances where 2m distancing cannot be maintained outdoors, masks will be worn.
  
- When will campers wash their hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer?
  - Upon arrival at camp.
  - Before and after eating.
  - Before and after using the bathroom or outhouse.
  - Before getting back on the bus at the end of their day or stay.
  
- Will hand sanitizer be available?
  - We will provide hand sanitizer throughout the camp area.
  - Campers may also bring their own hand sanitizer.
  
- What are the cleaning protocols?
  - Shared equipment is cleaned and maintained regularly.
  - Bathrooms, taps/handwashing stations are also cleaned throughout the day.
  - Accommodations are cleaned by our staff between each camp and as a group with the campers, regularly.
  
- How many people will be in each cabin group?
  - Camp activities will take place in small groups of 9-10 campers, with two staff.
  - With the exception of the eating in the dining hall, all larger gatherings will take place outdoors.
  
- What are the sleeping arrangements?
  - Ventilation will be maximized by opening doors and windows whenever possible.
    - Participants should bring warm bedding.
  - Cabin access will be limited to only the campers and staff staying in that cabin.
  - Participants should be arranged in beds to maximize distance between heads:
    - head-to-toe in bunk beds,
    - toe-to-toe or head-to-toe in end-to-end beds.



- How will the dining hall be organized?
  - Everyone will wash and sanitize their hands prior to eating and after using the bathroom.
  - Everyone will wear a mask in the dining hall unless they are seated and eating.
  - We will make every effort to maximize ventilation in the dining hall:
    - Doors and windows will be kept open as much as possible
    - Participants should be prepared to keep their coats on if the weather is cool.
  - Participants will sit at tables of up to 12 at a table, with a 2m distance between each table.
  - Food service is Family Style, meaning that each table will be given a shared tray/bowl of food and each person at the table can serve themselves with a provided utensil.
  - There will be no singing or shouting in the dining hall.
  
- Will students and staff be screened for COVID-19 symptoms?
  - Yes. All campers and staff must complete COVID-19 symptom screening prior to arrival at the camp property.
  - Camp Thunderbird staff complete a daily symptom screening.
  - Overnight participants should report to their counsellor if they develop symptoms at any time during their stay.
  
- What is your vaccination policy?
  - At this time, vaccination is not required for campers.
  - The YMCA-YWCA of Vancouver Island has implemented a vaccine mandate for all employees, therefore camp employees will be vaccinated.
  
- How will physical distancing be managed?
  - Camp staff will be instructing all students and staff to maintain a personal distance of 2m, whenever possible. We understand that maintaining this distance is continually challenging for young children, and we will support them in doing their best.
  - Many activities are easy to do with 2m distance between people (archery, paddling, swimming, hiking).
  
- What will happen if a camper or staff member develops possible COVID-19 symptoms, while at camp?
  - The individual, any equipment that they were using and their belongings, will be isolated in one of our yurts or cabins, and cared for by school chaperones from a safe distance, until arrangements can be made for them to go home.
  - The school representatives will contact parents/caregivers to collect the sick person from camp, ASAP, and contact their primary healthcare provider or 8-1-1.
  - This person will not be allowed to return to camp until:
    - At least 10 days have passed since their symptoms started, AND
    - Their fever is gone without the use of fever-reducing medications (e.g., Tylenol, Advil), AND
    - They are feeling better (e.g., improvement in runny nose, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue),



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**OR**

- They can show proof of a negative COVID-19 test that was completed after their symptoms began and the symptoms are completely gone.