



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 campers 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 campers 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 camper, any equipment that they were using and their belongings, will be isolated in one of our yurts or cabins, and cared for by camp staff from a safe distance, until arrangements can be made for them to go home.
 - Camp staff 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.