



## **COVID-19 Procedures for School Groups Visiting YMCA Camps – Camp Colman and Camp Orkila**

YMCA of Greater Seattle

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The purpose of this document is to provide clarification of roles and responsibilities to prevent the spread of COVID-19 for school groups visiting YMCA Camp Orkila and Camp Colman. Schools must sign this document and submit it along with a COVID-19 Response Plan (see attached form) to the YMCA prior to visiting camp.

### School groups must:

- Perform daily symptom screenings for all students and staff. Please refer to the [childcare guidance](#) on symptom screenings. If your school needs additional assistance with a template for screening, please contact your camp representative.
- Adhere to federal, state and local laws and regulations, and YMCA Camp Orkila and Camp Colman policies and procedures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- Provide a written plan to designated YMCA staff, 10 days prior to arriving at camp, detailing school procedures, including procedures for:
  - o Preparation for arrival at camp and criteria to attend camp.
  - o If someone develops symptoms of COVID-19 while at camp.
  - o If someone is a close contact of someone with COVID-19 while at camp.
  - o If someone tests positive for COVID-19 while at camp.
- The YMCA follows the Washington Department of Health and County Public Health regulations and guidance related to COVID-19 for overnight/resident camps. While we understand that there may be differences in guidance issued to schools, all school groups are expected to follow YMCA procedures. The Y reserves the right to make necessary adjustments based on guidance and regulations to ensure a safe environment for all in attendance.

This document will be used as a tool for school and Y staff if any of the following circumstances occur at camp.

## **COVID-19 Camp Procedures and FAQs for School Groups Visiting Camp Orkila and Camp Colman**

### **How will capacities and sleeping arrangements work?**

Our capacities will be determined by sleeping arrangements, as this is the only extended indoor activity. All students will have at least six feet physical distance from other student's heads in cabins or campsites, and bedding will be arranged head-to-toe. School groups are responsible for ensuring the physical distancing requirements are met.

### **What will activities and programs look like at camp?**

From archery to arts, challenge courses to beach exploration, our activities will focus on skill development, self-confidence, group building, and having fun! Activities will be done in constant "cohort" or "study" groups.

When possible, programmed activities will occur in outdoor or open-air settings and students will remain with consistent cohorts. We may have “sedentary” outdoor activities like campfires or talent shows, during which a minimum of six feet of social distance will be provided between sleeping groups.

### **How will food service work at camp?**

When possible, all eating will occur outdoors in a “grab and go” format. We will keep a minimum of six feet of distance between “cohorts” or “study groups” and there will be no sharing of items. We may utilize staggered scheduled times for meals.

If indoor eating is necessary due to poor weather, indoor eating facilities will be limited to 50% capacity. In this case, we will maximize ventilation and maintain a minimum six feet distancing between cohorts.

### **How do I access COVID testing resources?**

COVID-19 tests are free and widely available at sites across Washington. For information on testing visit the following websites:

- [King County COVID-19 Testing Locations & Information](#)
- [Washington State COVID-19 Testing Locations & Information](#)

School groups are responsible for providing COVID-19 testing resources and administering testing.

### **What should I expect around facial coverings (masks)?**

We will follow all federal, state and county guidelines around facial coverings at camp.

**Indoor Mask Requirements:** All school personnel, volunteers, visitors, and students must wear cloth face coverings, or an acceptable alternative (e.g., surgical mask or clear face shield with a drape), at camp when indoors in accordance with the Secretary of Health’s [Mask Order](#). Exceptions to indoor facial covering procedures are when eating, drinking, brushing teeth, showering, and sleeping.

**Outdoor Mask Requirements:** Per the Secretary of Health’s [Mask Order](#), face coverings are not required outdoors, regardless of vaccination status. Masks are strongly recommended for unvaccinated individuals when outdoors in crowded spaces or when in close contact with people from outside their household for a sustained period of time, as the risk of COVID-19 infection increases with the duration and closeness of contact between individuals. Schools should support students and staff who choose to wear a mask or face covering outdoors.

For help understanding how masks should fit, we follow these guidelines from the [Center for Disease Control](#). Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don’t have gaps

- Completely cover your nose and mouth
- Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric
- Allow you to breathe without restriction

Please do not wear masks that:

- Have exhalation valves or vents because they allow virus particles to escape
- Are made of fabric that makes it hard to breathe, for example, vinyl

- Are intended for healthcare workers, including N95 respirators or surgical masks

If you wear a gaiter, please wear a gaiter with two layers or fold it to make two layers. If you wear a face shield, please wear a mask as well. The CDC does not recommend using face shields as a substitute for masks and so they must be worn together in our facilities.

We recommend that students bring at least 10 clean and well-fitting [facial coverings](#) with them to camp.

### **Can I visit my student while they are at camp?**

Parents or guardians, who are not working directly with the school group, are allowed to enter camp only in the case of medical emergencies or when needed to bring home a student early. Visitors are not allowed at camp.

### **What steps are you taking to minimize the risk of someone contracting COVID-19?**

In addition to the programmatic steps outlined above, we continue to develop a comprehensive set of policies and procedures specific to COVID-19. Our leadership team has reviewed and will continue to update necessary protocols to comply with, or exceed, governmental guidelines to reduce risk of exposure. These include but are not limited to, the following:

- Extra vigilance around cabin, building and bathroom sanitation, including increased deep cleaning in high traffic areas and thorough disinfecting of cabins between sessions.
- All staff will be reminded to promote regular hand washing and good hygiene practices. Additional hand washing and hand sanitizer stations have been added.
- Program area, equipment protocols, and sanitization practices have shifted to minimize the risk of transmission of COVID-19.
- Large group gatherings will be adjusted to align with current requirement of local, state, and federal orders.
- Physical distancing practices follow the recommendations of the state and county and are in place for guests, staff, and volunteers.  
Guests, staff, and volunteers will follow mask wearing recommendations of the state and county.

# Template for COVID-19 Response Plan

Prior to arriving at camp, school groups must provide a written COVID-19 Response Plan to a designated YMCA staff member at least 10 days before the start of camp. Please answer the questions below, outlining the school's plan should one of the following scenarios occur. This document will be used as a tool for school and Y staff if any of the following circumstances occur at camp.

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>School Group</b>           |                                     |
| <b>Group Leader and Email</b> | <b>Days &amp; Date(s) at Y Camp</b> |

The YMCA is committed to providing a safe and positive experience for school groups. The Y will continue to follow the Washington Department of Health and County Public Health guidance related to COVID-19 for overnight/resident camps. We understand that there may be differences in the guidance issued for schools.

## Pre-Camp Preparation

**What is the school's criteria for coming to camp for staff, volunteers and students as it relates to vaccinations and negative COVID-19 tests prior to arrival?**

We recommend that one of the following criteria be met in order to attend camp based on guidance from the Department of Health and best practices.

Be fully vaccinated, OR 2) receive a negative COVID-19 test no more than three days prior to arrival and remain in [quarantine](#) between the test and start of camp.

For the purposes of these procedures, people are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 two or more weeks after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) or two or more weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson (J&J)/Janssen). Verification of the vaccination or test results is recommended.

**Please use the text boxes to detail the school's response plan should one of the following scenarios occur:**

**1. If someone develops symptoms of COVID-19 while at camp**

**2. If someone is a close contact (as defined by the CDC) of someone with COVID-19 while at camp**

**If someone tests positive for COVID-19 while at camp our response plan**

**Additional Information**

In signing this document, the Group agrees to abide by the above conditions and submit a COVID-19 response plan to the YMCA. **Response plan must be submitted to the YMCA at least 10 days before the first day of camp.**

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Group Contact Signature

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Group Contact Printed Name

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_