



WEST END HOUSE  
EST. CAMP 1908

## Before Camp

- 1. What are the pre-camp testing procedures? When do they need to test? What kind of tests are accepted?** Pre camp must get a PCR test 5 days before the start of camp (must be able to come to camp with a negative PCR results in hand or proof of positive COVID test within the last 90 days) (but camper should be at least 10 days out from positive test/symptom onset and no fever for 24 hours and symptoms improved).
- 2. If you are fully vaccinated, do you need to take the PCR test 5-days before camp, the test entering camp, and the test 5 days into camp?** Yes, we are trying to create an environment with the least possible risk, and the most manageable system to administer. With the variants being the predominant strains now and vaccines are not 100% in preventing getting mild or asymptomatic COVID, which then can be transmitted, we're requiring the same testing protocol for everyone.
- 3. Why are we doing PCR test (nose swab) over the less invasive spit test?** it is more accurate. CDC recommends nasal/nasalopharyngeal swabs for PCR testing.
- 4. If someone's nose has been cauterized, are they able to get the nose swab or is there an alternative testing method?** Yes. It is a mid turbinate swab, it doesn't actually enter past the nasal bone.
- 5. What are you doing to ensure COVID doesn't enter camp at the start of camp and at the turnover mark? How can we support you and the counselors in making this an amazing summer in spite of COVID regulations?** For the 2 weeks leading up to camp, staff and campers will need to be smart. By completing health forms, getting the required testing before camp and social distancing/quarantining in the days leading up to camp. All staff and campers will follow the same testing protocol. In addition, staff will arrive to camp early to set up and quarantine and perform a thorough cleaning of camp per CDC recommendations.
- 6. Do we need to pack anything different as a result of COVID other than masks?** Camp will provide masks for all kids, they do not need to bring any, but can if they want, whatever they feel most comfortable in. Most packing will be similar. please pack dishwasher safe water bottles. We'll be doing more outside

activities, so an extra hoodie/pants and shorts with pockets would be helpful as well to carry their masks. We are going to have a more detailed checklist coming out soon.

- 7. How many masks do you recommend each boy comes with?** Camp is providing masks. If you want to send cloth masks, send 10 reusable masks, as long as they cover the nose and mouth and fit well. They can wash used masks in their normal weekly laundry.
- 8. Are you encouraging all staff to get vaccinated? Yes! And do you know the percentage of vaccinated staff?** Not at this early date, since most are young and healthy and just became eligible recently in MA. We have sent out literature to our staff about the different ways to get the vaccine.

## **During Camp**

- 1. How long will the boys have to wear their masks at camp? When will camp feel normal-no masks, dining together, etc? Or what is the all clear marker for when the whole camp can function like a household unit? Where will masks be worn and where will boys be able to remove their masks?** We want camp to remain open. We know cohorting, masking, distancing, and enhanced cleaning work. Each activity will have its own protocols. At this time, we are recommending masks be worn at all times except in bunks, during water activities, and other activities to be determined on an individual activity basis. If everyone has a negative PCR on day 5, we may expand some maskless activities into larger cohorts than the smaller bunk pods.
- 2. If a boy gets Covid, is the bunk stuck in their cabin? If so, how long? If a camper or staff member presents with symptoms and then tests positive what are your procedures for alerting parents? Quarantine? Isolation? Where would a person be housed? How will close contacts be affected?** Parents of the positive camper (rapid test) as well as close contacts will be notified via telephone. All non-close contacts will be notified via email after telephone contact is made. The positive camper would be isolated away from other campers with vaccinated staff members in a cabin solely dedicated to COVID isolation needs. The parents would be required to pick up the camper. The camper and a vaccinated staff member (masked and socially distant) will pack up their belongings.  
The close contact campers will be on quarantine either in their bunk or in designated locations for proper quarantining. PCR testing would take place on day 7 for close contacts. If negative and asymptomatic they would be released from quarantine on day 10. The quarantined individuals will still participate in

programming and activities with other quarantined individuals and with vaccinated staff members or close contact staff members.

- 3. How are you preventing counselors from bringing COVID into camp after their days or nights off?** As of right now, staff are not having time off outside of camp. We consult every couple of weeks with a small group of counselors who are helping us come up with ideas. We are adding extra perks in camp to make their time off in camp enjoyable. We are also exploring chaperoned distanced activities like hiking or the beach, renting out a bowling alley for example.
- 4. Are packages still allowed?** Yes, there is no COVID related reason not to.
- 5. Will the boys be allowed to eat in their bunks still?** Yes, their cabin is their family.
- 6. What will dining look like? What about on a rainy day?** For years, we have had every boy use hand sanitizer before each meal, and will continue that, with hand washing encouraged as well. Every table will have hand sanitizer available. Because we have a large, well ventilated dining hall with a large porch, we are able to feed the entire camp if necessary, inside, while distanced. We will eat outside often as well. Masks will be worn to the mess hall and in the mess hall except when eating. We are also adding another entrance/exit on the back porch to make it easier to keep them separated in and out of the Mess Hall.
- 7. Are there air purifiers in the indoor spaces?** All indoor spaces have lots of windows across from each other to give excellent cross ventilation. In addition, all shutters will be permanently open for the entire summer, to maintain the excellent ventilation.
- 8. How will visiting day work? Can fully vaccinated parents come visit?** Unfortunately, we will not have our traditional visiting day this year. We want to keep camp open, and that requires minimizing risk as much as possible. We will have zoom calls for our longer staying boys and their families. We will still do the 5-10 year plaque dedications, we will either record it or do it on Facebook Live.
- 9. What are your mitigation procedures?** Masks, physical distancing, hand hygiene, enhanced cleaning, disinfecting high touch surfaces, and testing protocols.
- 10. Are there any activities that normally take place that won't be happening this year?** There will be no off camp activities this year. There is the possibility of a day trip to go hiking, and we are working to find acceptable options. For example, renting the entire bowling alley.

- 11. What are you doing to keep traditions/expectations and what can we expect to be different?** We will still have World Cup, Desert War, and Color War, as well as the popular night activities, with COVID adaptations. Instead of our typical sports leagues, for the first 5 days, we will be doing Battle Pods, basically leagues but only with your age group (ex. Even Teams made between bunks 3A and 3B playing best of 5 sports). We have added activities like 2 outdoor movie projectors, Pickleball, Jenga, Connect Four. We still have Bunk1, and will have an enhanced social media presence, etc.
- 12. Are staff family members that live on camp allowed off campus? If so, doesn't that increase the risk that they could bring COVID on campus?** Yes, and are mitigating these risks as much as possible with masking, testing, and social distancing as much as possible. Any family members that are leaving camp will remain separate and not interact with the camp community. These people will also have an enhanced testing protocol to take the extra precaution.
- 13. If a boy does test positive, can they come back once they are medically ok?** Possibly, depending on the situation and timing. Each situation will be evaluated with parents, directors, and medical professionals to make the safest decision for both camp and the child.
- 14. Do you get money back if your boy gets sent home due to a positive test?** As 2020 showed, we have always worked with families and will continue to do so in a collaborative way. Our relationships with families matters most.