



Camp Betsey Cox Covid-19 Protocols 2023

As we plan for summer 2023, knowing that COVID is still present and evolving, Vermont camp directors, the American Camp Association, and local health officials have worked to find the safest and most reasonable camp protocols. Our best thinking in late April and May can be found here. We will continue to follow COVID guidance and recommendations from the following sources: CDC recommendations for youth programs, Vermont Health Department requirements, American Camp Association and the Alliance of Camp Health, Rutland County and Town of Pittsford. Please reach out to Devri if you have any questions or concerns about these plans. info@campbetseycox.com or (802) 345 5974.

Before Camp

Vaccination: Camp Betsey Cox will require all campers and staff to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 for the 2023 season unless granted a medical exception by an MD and approved by our medical staff. Medical exceptions must be in line with [CDC guidance for contraindications](#), Betsey Cox has a medical or nonmedical exemption form must be on file at Camp for the current season if your child is not vaccinated. Please reach out with any questions and to receive a form if needed.

We will be collecting copies of vaccination cards with our camp health forms upon arrival at camp. If your child will not be fully vaccinated by the start of their time with us this summer, please let us know as soon as possible.

Testing: We are asking that all campers take an at home rapid antigen test no more than 24 hours before arrival. We ask that you bring proof of a negative result from a rapid antigen test taken 24 hours before arriving at camp. Proof can be a result photo on your cell phone. This requirement is part of the layered systems we have in place that will help us protect our “community of many” as best we can.

If you have a positive result or symptoms consistent with Covid-19, we must ask you to delay your arrival. Please call camp to discuss ongoing plans.

If you have been exposed to a positive Covid person 48 hours or less before opening day, please call camp to discuss a plan.

Check-in Covid protocols:

We will welcome you at the Lodge this summer. We will be parking in the lower lot, the upper lot and the Archery field, as needed. Our staff will direct you as you arrive to park and then to the check-in location. Our Health Care team will meet each camper and family for the usual handover of forms including:

- 1. proof of a Covid-19 negative rapid antigen test (a picture does the trick)**
- 2. Wellness check completed no more than 24 hours prior to arrival**
- 3. proof of vaccination.**

Arriving camper families will meet BC Apprenti, Staf and/or staff members who will host them and their smaller bags to their camper’s cabin. Tractors will bring up heavier luggage. Families are welcome in camper cabins this summer, but we do ask that you let our staff settle campers. Staff will help set up bug nets, organize where trunks are placed, etc. Allowing staff to help settle campers allows families to tour around camp a bit more before departing and helps us begin each camper’s transition to Camp smoothly. We appreciate your understanding and support. And then...families depart by noon and we gather for lunch– the first camp meal! All together again!



Camp Betsey Cox Covid-19 Protocols 2023

At Camp

Testing: At this point we do not plan to do surveillance testing this summer. We will test symptomatic members of our community using antigen tests or lab testing in Rutland under the advice of our medical staff and our health care protocols.

Medical staff: We will have medical personnel on site all summer, as always. Telemedicine consultations will be available with our supervising local pediatricians and doctors, as will visits to offices in Rutland as needed.

If a camper has Covid-19 symptoms we will do a rapid antigen test at camp. If the result is positive:

1. The camper family will be asked to pick up their camper to implement the [CDC recommended 5-day isolation](#) period at home.
2. For campers staying two or three weeks, likely they will not have time to be able to return and we will adjust tuition accordingly. For campers enrolled for longer sessions, we will make a plan that fits best for the camper and camp in compliance with guidance from the above sources.

Since campers and staff will be fully vaccinated, if there is exposure to Covid-19, there is no quarantine period required at this time for people exposed to Covid. We will test at camp or with our local health care provider if campers or staff become symptomatic.

Masks: We are not planning to wear masks at Camp this summer. That said, we may find we have an occasion to wear a mask. It is an option to bring two face coverings with you if you have favorite ones, but Camp will have disposable masks on hand if we need them. An example of when we may need to wear a mask might be a trip out of camp. If masking becomes necessary inside at camp this summer, you will not be required to do so when in your own cabin.

Wash houses and Shower house will be cleaned with guidance-approved products. Signage about proper handwashing and the importance of hand sanitizing will be posted next to the hand sanitizers and sinks in the wash houses.

Coed Activities with Sangamon: At this time, we plan to offer coed activities for those campers interested in them.

Visiting— We hope to do our best to plan to maintain a healthy camp community this summer. Part of this plan includes inviting a smaller number of outside visitors to camp. For our campers, BC Leaders, BC Apprenti, and Staf who are with us for five or eight weeks, we hope to and plan to welcome visitors on the changeover weekends- July 15-16 and July 29-30. Families would be able to visit starting at noon on Changeover Saturday through noon on Sunday. We do not plan to have visits during the two and three week sessions. Plans will continue to be discussed with our senior team throughout the season, and we will follow the most current recommendations around visits to camp. We will keep you updated on our visit policies if there are any changes.

We are fully aware that this continues to be a lot of information to absorb! We are always happy to talk. We will be reaching out to you a week before you arrive if you are a new camper, to answer any last minute questions about anything at all. We will remain flexible throughout the summer, and are fully prepared to evolve as Covid-19 circumstances shift. We are grateful to be gathering together this season and to be providing wonderful camp experiences for our community members.



Camp Betsey Cox Covid-19 Protocols 2023
