

## **MHVC PROTOCOLS FOR NON-FULLY VACCINATED OVERNIGHT CAMPS**

As in the past, MBCE/Mid-Hudson Valley Camp Inc. (“MHVC”) has read, understands, and will follow all applicable mandates from the state of New York and the Ulster County Health Department. Accordingly, the following protocols are subject to change based on any future guidance that may be provided by New York and Ulster County. These protocols may also be revised based on changed conditions and additional guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”). MHVC’s current protocols will be available on the MHVC website (<https://www.maristbrotherscenter.org/MHVC-mhvc-covid-19-protocols/>). Camp participants should consult MHVC’s current protocols before arriving at camp.

### **Vaccinations, Testing, and When Someone Gets Sick**

#### **1. Campers.**

##### Vaccinations

MHVC is requiring all campers who are eligible to receive any COVID-19 vaccination under New York’s COVID-19 protocols to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Fully vaccinated means that the Camper has completed the full cycle of required doses for the vaccine administered, and that the Camper received the final dose at least 14 days before the Camp.

MHVC requires proof of vaccination for each eligible camper in the form of a copy of the original vaccination record document issued by either (1) the government health authority that administered the vaccination (e.g., a CDC Vaccination Record Card) or (2) the medical provider that administered the vaccination.

Camps will consider requests for medical exceptions to the vaccination requirement on a case-by-case basis, and may grant requested exceptions where doing so will not materially increase the risk of COVID-19 transmission during camp.

##### Testing

Unvaccinated campers must present a negative COVID-19 PCR test result that was performed on a specimen (e.g., swab) collected less than 72 hours before the start of camp.

Unvaccinated campers will receive PCR tests at least 72 hours after the start of camp.

#### **2. Staff**

All staff must be fully vaccinated more than two weeks before the start of camp.

#### **3. Symptom Checks.**

##### Screening

Camps will identify immunocompromised individuals based on the information provided in advance of camp. Immunocompromised individuals will only be permitted to attend a camp with the prior written approval of their physician and the camp.

If a *fully vaccinated* camper, guardian, or staff member is currently exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 or exhibited symptoms within 72 hours of the start of camp, they will not be permitted to attend the camp or drop off or pick up their camper unless and until their symptoms have markedly improved and they have received a negative PCR test result.

*Unvaccinated* campers and staff members will not be permitted to attend camp—and unvaccinated guardians will not be permitted to drop off or pick up their camper—if, in the 10 days before the camp begins:

1. they, someone in their household, or someone with whom they have had a close contact (within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes) is diagnosed with COVID-19 or exhibits any symptoms of COVID-19; or
2. they travel and do not comply with the requirements of the New York State Travel Advisory.

If this requirement renders a guardian unable to pick off or drop off their camper, an alternate guardian or an emergency contact approved by the guardian will have to pick up the camper.

Upon staff members' and campers' arrival at camp (or, if bus service is being provided, before boarding the bus), MHVC will conduct temperature and symptom checks and require campers and staff members to answer a screening questionnaire containing questions relating to the aforementioned requirements for admittance. The Session Director will review (and attest to having reviewed) each questionnaire. If a staff member or camper screens positive for symptoms of COVID-19, they will be sent home with instructions to contact their healthcare provider for assessment and testing and to report the test results to MHVC.

- To ensure campers who screen positive for COVID-19 symptoms can be transported home, parents should not leave the drop-off area until the screening process is complete. Unvaccinated parents must wear masks and maintain six feet of social distance between themselves and all other people while present at the drop-off area.

### Daily Monitoring

Camps will perform symptom and temperature checks on all campers and staff each morning before breakfast and each evening before dinner.

Staff will visually monitor campers for COVID-19 symptoms throughout the day.

Campers and staff will be required to monitor themselves for COVID-19 symptoms.

If any camp participant experiences any COVID-19 symptoms or notices any other camp participant experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, they must immediately inform the Session Director, who will also be the designated site safety monitor.

## **4. If Someone Develops Symptoms.**

Campers and staff who are not feeling well will be evaluated by the Camp Nurse. If the Camp Nurse determines that the person is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19:

1. The symptomatic person will immediately go into segregation/quarantine. Symptomatic individuals will be cared for by the Camp Nurse.
  - Session Directors will identify quarantine/isolation rooms and restrooms to be used exclusively by symptomatic individuals.

2. All symptomatic individuals will receive a COVID-19 antigen test. Symptomatic individuals will not be permitted to resume participation in camp activities unless and until they receive a negative test result.
  - Campers' guardians will be informed that their camper is in quarantine and of the results of their camper's COVID-19 test.
3. If a camper or staff member tests positive, the camper or staff member must be picked up and taken off MHVC premises within 24 hours by a guardian or emergency contact who will be living with the camper.

Additionally, all unvaccinated individuals in the same cohort as the person who tested positive and all unvaccinated close contacts of the person who tested positive will be quarantined from the rest of the camp (potentially as a group), and must be picked up and taken off MHVC premises within 24 hours by a guardian or emergency contact who will be living with the camper.

After leaving MHVC premises, all campers and staff members must comply with all quarantine restrictions imposed by the CDC and other health authorities

4. In accordance with state and local laws and regulations, MHVC will notify local health officials of any positive COVID-19 test result without disclosing the name or personal identifying information of the person who tested positive.

## **5. Contact Tracing**

MHVC will cooperate with the state and local health department as required to trace all close and proximate contacts of a person receiving a positive test dating back to 48 hours before the person first began experiencing symptoms or tested positive, whichever is earlier. To that end, MHVC will maintain an attendance log of every person—including campers, guardians, and staff—who attends a camp session. The log will identify the cohort to which each camper and staff member was assigned, if any.

If, after a camper has arrived at camp, a health department contact tracing determines that an unvaccinated camper was a close contact of someone with COVID-19 prior to camp, the camper will immediately go into segregation/quarantine and must be picked up and taken off MHVC premises within 24 hours by a guardian or emergency contact who will be living with the camper.

## **6. After Camp.**

Camps will provide campers and their guardians with information on the CDC's current post-camp guidance and remind them that they committed to complying with all CDC recommendations.

## Camp Operations

### 1. Staff

All staff members will participate in a *pre-camp* orientation explaining the specific requirements and responsibilities for camp this year with an emphasis on safety and COVID-19 policies and procedures.

Session Directors will limit the number of staff members who are permitted to leave camp property.

### 2. Visitors

Visitors will only be permitted if they are fully vaccinated, have not exhibited any COVID-19 symptoms within the last 72 hours, and have received advanced approval from the Session Director.

### 3. Cohorts

Unvaccinated campers will be divided into cohorts. Cohort size will be a maximum of 36 including campers and staff. Cohorts must have no or minimal contact with one another to the greatest extent possible.

Unvaccinated campers will receive COVID-19 PCR tests more than 72 hours after the start of camp. If all unvaccinated campers in a cohort test negative, they will no longer have to wear masks when *only around members of their own cohort*.

### 4. Masks

EVERY person must wear a mask at all times, except:

- Fully vaccinated people do not need to wear masks, except fully vaccinated staff are encouraged to model wearing masks when supervising campers during times when the campers must wear masks.
- Campers do not need to wear masks outdoors except when in crowded settings or during activities that involve sustained close contact.
  - In deciding what setting are “crowded” and which activities involve “sustained close contact,” Session Directors will be mindful of children’s natural tendency to gather close together in groups.
  - When a Session Director decides not to require masks, the Session Director will monitor the campers to ensure sustained close contact does not occur.
- Campers and staff should not wear masks when eating, drinking, sleeping, showering, brushing teeth, swimming, or participating on water activities.
  - Social distancing of at least 6 feet MUST be in place before masks are removed for eating, drinking, sleeping, showering, brushing teeth, swimming, or participating in water activities.

MHVC will allow campers and staff to supply their own appropriate masks, but will also have a supply of appropriate masks on hand that campers and staff can access as desired.

## 5. Hand Hygiene

Staff and campers will be required to wash or sanitize their hands:

- when arriving at camp or leaving camp;
- before eating;
- upon entering their sleeping quarters;
- after being in contact with someone who exhibits COVID-19 symptoms;
- after touching frequently touched surfaces or common items;
- after using the restroom;
- after coughing, sneezing, or bowing their nose; and
- before and after activities.

## 6. Cleaning/Sanitization

MHVC will follow the CDC and the Ulster County Health Department guidelines for cleaning.

- The Camp Counselors will be responsible for cleaning shared equipment, arts and craft supplies, and other items used for activities.
- Bathrooms will be cleaned periodically throughout each day.
- The Kitchen Crew will be responsible for cleaning all areas and items used for meals.
- The MHVC Maintenance Crew will perform daily maintenance on the MHVC facilities. Some members of the Maintenance Crew will be responsible for cleaning high-touch areas periodically throughout each day.
- An outside vendor will perform a thorough cleaning of all MHVC facilities between camps.
- In the event a camp participant tests positive for COVID-19, the MHVC Maintenance crew will clean and disinfect all heavy transit areas (*e.g.*, dining areas and sleeping quarters) and high-touch surfaces (*e.g.*, door knobs) with which the infected individual has come into contact. MHVC will also close off areas used by the infected for 24 hours prior to cleaning and disinfection to the extent it can do so without significantly disrupting camp activities.
- MHVC will maintain a log that includes the date, time, and scope of any cleaning and disinfection activities.

## 7. Sleeping Quarters

Campers' beds will be at least six feet away from any beds occupied by other campers.

Beds will be arranged so that campers are head-to-toe with campers on adjacent beds.

## 8. Ventilation

MHVC will use windows, door openings, exhaust fans, and HVAC systems to maximize ventilation.

## 9. Areas and Activities

Outdoor activities and areas will be utilized as often as possible, and indoor areas will be avoided as much as possible.

Close high-contact activities will not be allowed. Things like hikes, fishing and other outdoors sports, especially low contact sports like kickball and softball, will be encouraged.

## **10. Meals**

All meals, weather permitting, will take place outside. In poor weather, meals might be delayed to still utilize the outdoor area or the group will be split by cohort into different mealtimes and use indoor meal spaces like the gym.

Unvaccinated campers will be seated six feet apart from other campers and staff.

Tables will be spread out throughout the courtyard area to give each cohort an eating space away from another cohort.

A clear barrier will be set up between a camper selecting their food and the food/server.

All food will be served to each camper/staff by the kitchen crew.

Only the kitchen crew and cooking staff will be permitted in the kitchen and they will follow all appropriate protocols.

## **11. Transportation**

If possible, campers should be dropped off and picked up at the MHVC to minimize bus crowding.

When using buses:

- Unvaccinated campers will be required to wear a mask.
- Cohorts containing unvaccinated campers will be seated together and six feet apart from any other cohort.
- Ventilation will be maximized.
- Buses will be cleaned and disinfected before boarding.

## **12. Personal belongings**

To limit the sharing of personal items, MHVC will provide each camper with an individually labeled area in which to keep their personal belongings.

## **13. Signage**

Signs will be posted around the camp with information about the camp's COVID-19 protocols, including proper hand hygiene and how to report COVID-19 symptoms.