

# Camp de Benneville Pines COVID Protocols – Sept 2021

Welcome back to Camp! When you arrive, you will find that some things have changed, and we want you to be prepared for these changes. *We are just getting used to some of these changes ourselves!*

Keep in mind many of these changes are temporary, and we will make every effort to ensure that most safety enhancements do not detract from your retreat experience. We are committed to delivering a positive camp experience, although some activities may be modified or eliminated completely to meet safety guidelines.

We want everybody to feel safe and comfortable when they visit Camp de Benneville Pines. No camper should be singled out or excluded if they wish to practice additional safety protocols beyond the measures we are requiring. Vaccination, masking, hygiene, and pandemic safety measures are an exercise in community and consent. The pandemic has been hard on all of us, and as that trauma may come out in strange and unexpected ways, everyone is encouraged to react to those situations with empathy and compassion.

Your health and the safety of the camp community are our primary concerns, and we want you to know what Camp is doing to protect you. The below guidelines were created in accordance with the most recent County, State and Federal guidelines.

## **Summary:**

We understand that these new guidelines may impact you directly and we want to acknowledge that we are doing our best to be responsible and balance the needs and safety of our community in an environment that continues to challenge us all.

For the time being, we are requiring that all campers, retreat leaders, staff, and volunteers (hereafter collectively “campers”) must be fully vaccinated at least two (2) weeks prior to arrival on site. All campers will receive an email requesting they provide documentation of vaccination prior to arrival.

Fully vaccinated people may choose to wear masks based on their comfort level while onsite.

In the event that you need to cancel your booking, please let us know and we will issue a full refund. Please let our registrar ([registrar@uucamp.org](mailto:registrar@uucamp.org)) know of your decision no later than two (2) days prior to arrival. Camp incurs costs when preparing for campers and we need to know in advance how many campers we are accommodating.

## **Full Protocol:**

### Arrival and Pre-screen:

- All campers will be required to submit proof of vaccination prior to arrival.
- Check-in and registration stations will be set up outside when weather permits.
- All campers will be asked about recent illness, travel history and vaccination status upon arrival and to sign a COVID-19 risk agreement.
- No individual will be allowed to check-in without proof of vaccination.

- We will be unable to offer refunds to individuals who cannot attend due to lost, damaged, or forgotten proof of vaccination.

#### Proof of Vaccination Status:

- Camp requires proof of vaccination status in the form of a copy of CDC vaccination card, a doctor's note, or other comparable document with a date of final injection 14 or more days prior to arrival date.

#### Illness:

- If you experience symptoms of COVID-19 or elevated temperatures that are not explained by an underlying chronic condition in the week prior to camp, please **DO NOT COME TO CAMP**.
- Any camper that feels ill will be asked to immediately inform a staff member.
- Campers experiencing flu-like illness will be assessed by the on-site medical professional or person responsible for making medical decisions.
- Sick campers may be moved to a quarantine room and staff will bring meals to them.
- Camp reserves the right to ask individuals to leave camp due to health or safety concerns.
- Please avoid altitude illness by drinking plenty of water within the first 24 hours of arriving to camp. Hydration is key to fending off headaches and wooziness often linked to altitude illness.

#### Housing:

- Camp has reduced the maximum number of campers allowed to attend any camp to 60 people or less. The maximum number of campers per room will be two (2) persons in rooms with two (2) sets of bunk beds, or three (3) persons in the rooms with three (3) sets of bunk beds.
- Campers may elect to stay in a private room (if space is available) but will need to pay an additional accommodation fee.

#### Buildings/ Grounds/ Hot Tub/ Pool:

- Camp buildings are open to staff, and registered campers or volunteers only.
- The hot tub is closed until further notice.
- The pool will be closed until further notice.

#### Masks/Barriers:

- Masks **must** be worn in publicly accessible indoor areas, except while eating or in the room in their assigned cabin.
- Soap and hand sanitizer will be available to all campers free of charge.
- Campers must provide their own masks and it is recommended that each camper bring three (3) to four (4) masks with them to camp.
- Do not share any personal protective equipment (PPE) such as facemasks or gloves.
- Masks will be required when more than one (1) person is riding in a Camp-owned vehicle.
- Any individual is welcome to wear a mask at any time in accordance with their personal comfort levels. No individual will be required to unmask.
- Existing plexiglass barriers will remain in place until further notice.
- Camp deans and program coordinators may instill stricter mask protocols than camp has in place.

#### Program and Common Areas:

- Although there are no limits on gatherings, Camp will make every effort to limit large, closely packed groups.
- Camp will encourage program leaders to utilize outdoor program spaces when possible and to keep in mind varying individual comfort levels.
- Windows will be open in program areas and common spaces, as the weather allows.
- Camp will provide a variety of dining options to allow guests to distance as they are comfortable.
- Inside the lodge, meals will be served on round tables to promote distancing; and outdoor eating areas will be provided, as weather allows.
- Retreat leaders will be asked to consider ways to limit high-risk activities such as indoor group singing or singing while facing one another. Please limit most activities involving touch.
- Campers will not be required to participate in any activities in which they feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

#### Cleaning:

- While camp is in session the lodge common areas will be sanitized daily by camp staff. Common areas include the counter surfaces in the lodge/dining area, and bathrooms.
- Cabin rooms will be sanitized between uses.
- Each bathroom/kitchen in camp will be provided with its own bottle of sanitizer. Please feel free to use the sanitizer to clean any surface before or after use. This will afford you an extra level of sanitation and control over your personal space.

#### Consent and Understanding:

- Campers and staff will be encouraged to practice hands-free greetings and to ask for consent before hugging, patting, touching, kissing, etc. and/or unmasking in a small, indoor space.
- Everyone has experienced the trauma of the pandemic differently and may react in dissimilar or unexpected ways. Please be aware of the possibility that individuals may have unexpected or emotional reactions over their camping experience, and to approach each situation with understanding and an empathetic mindset.
- Your care and understanding will help us to create a loving and nurturing camp environment.

**Thank you in advance for coming prepared for masking, distancing, and sanitizing.**