

<p>Policy Name: Face Mask Wearing and Gloves</p>

Purpose: A well-fitting face mask is worn over a wearer's mouth and nose creating a physical barrier between the mouth and nose of the wearer and potential contaminants in the immediate environment. In general, a face mask does not provide significant protection to the wearer during inhalation but will help **stop the wearer from spreading droplets** when coughing, sneezing, talking, singing, and breathing. Face masks are not considered PPE (personal protective equipment- like an N-95 mask) for protection from coronavirus. Examples include: Cloth masks, surgical masks, gaiters, etc. Face masks should not be placed on anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the face mask without assistance.

** Keep in mind, Laurel Family Camp is considered **Highest Risk** level by the CDC. Campers mix among different groups/ we do not stay separated throughout the day, we do not stay spaced apart from those that are not vaccinated (ex: children), and we come from different geographical areas.

Note: Policy has been reviewed and updated closer to the start of Camp according to CDC recommendations and American Camp Association recommendations, knowing that we will have both vaccinated and unvaccinated Campers. We will be following guidelines that apply to all our Campers- unvaccinated AND vaccinated in order to keep everyone as safe as possible.

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Procedures:

1. While face masks are no longer required, they do remain an important preventative measure against COVID-19 and other viruses.
2. Anyone who needs to or chooses to wear a face mask is encouraged to do so.

Current CDC recommendations for face mask wearing is based off the **CDC Community Levels** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html> . If you are interested, check the State and County where you live and compare with where Camp is located: State= Pennsylvania and County= Somerset. Only the **High** Community level has the mask recommendation. This website is updated every Thursday about 5pm. It can change weekly. Remember that a fair number of our activities are outdoors and with ventilation as well.

3. Parents have the right to ask babysitters to wear a mask in the cabins.
4. Things to remember- the face mask should fit over your nose and chin to be effective.
5. Reminder when swimming/ in the water: NO face mask is to be worn. Wet masks are not healthy.

It is a good idea to bring a few face masks (that you find comfortable) with you just in case. If you start having symptoms (see Morning Health Check policy for details) you may be encouraged to wear a mask

around others until the Camp Medic is able to see you. We would like to prevent spreading ANY illness in Camp.

Care of Face Masks When Camping: Store face masks properly and wash them regularly to keep them clean. Campers should have at least one mask available for each day so they can easily replace a dirty mask with a clean one (if choosing to wear daily). Make sure to remove masks carefully and wash hands/ sanitize after touching a face mask while wearing it or when removing a mask. Store your face mask somewhere safe to keep it clean, such as your pocket or backpack. When reusing a face mask after a break, keep the same side facing out.

Glove use:

1. Kitchen staff should follow existing best practices for food preparation and storage.
2. When completing chores, you should always wear disposable gloves when cleaning and disinfecting.

Sources: Field Guild for Camps on Implementation of CDC Guidance, Version 1.3, <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Guidance/Universal-Masking-FAQ.aspx> , <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html> , Monongalia County Health Department, WV (7/12/21, 4:05pm) spoke with Ed Abbott 304-598-5100, <https://www.media.pa.gov/pages/health-details.aspx?newsid=1505> <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/overnight-camp.html> - updated 5/27/22