

<p><u>Policy Name:</u> Face Mask Wearing and Gloves</p>
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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 PA state mandates, 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.*

Effective Date: 5/17/21 AK

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Procedures: *Refer to #3 for Laurel Camp face mask specifics*

Face Masks

1. Current Pennsylvania Mandate/ Order

a. On June 28, 2021, PA lifted its universal masking order. "Businesses, organizations, healthcare providers, and other entities maintain the option of requiring employees, guests, or customers to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status. For the protection of themselves and others, individuals who have not yet been vaccinated or are partially vaccinated are still encouraged to wear a mask when in public."

2. CDC and American Camp Association

a. **Best Practice:** Face masks are to be worn at all times during indoor activities, except when eating or drinking, for those that are unvaccinated.

b. **Best practice:** Face masks are to be worn when you are unable to social/ physically distance 6 feet from others when outside for those that are unvaccinated.

c. Swimming- maintain social/ physical distance (6 feet) from anyone not in your family group, NO face mask is to be worn.

3. Laurel Rules with Face Mask Wearing

- a. No face mask is needed in your cabin when with your family.
- b. Face masks MUST be worn by all Campers whenever singing occurs regardless of social/ physical distance, vaccination status, and whether you are singing or not.
- c. When at the lake, NO face mask is to be worn in the water.
- d. It is a good idea to have a face mask available at all times.
- e. Face masks are to be worn by all Campers whenever you are waiting to get into the Dining Hall with other people (as people are less likely to socially distance when they are hungry) and when getting their food/ serving food.
- f. Parents/ Caregivers have the right to ask babysitters to wear masks.
- g. A camper has the freedom to choose to wear a mask whenever they would like.

Reminder: 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. 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>