



HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES 2023

Establishing and maintaining a safe and healthy learning experience is our top priority. At Riverbend Summer Camp takes place primarily outdoors and campers will only go indoors to use restroom facilities or to shelter from extreme weather. This inherently reduces the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Below outlines the additional precautions we will take to reduce risk.

Please understand that there is some risk in attending Riverbend's Summer Camp. As a camp community, we rely on our families to be honest, keep sick children home, and do our best not to spread infection.

Prior to Start

- Campers should stay home if they have COVID-19 symptoms, have been diagnosed with COVID-19, are waiting for COVID-19 tests results, or have been exposed to someone with symptoms or a confirmed or suspected case. Riverbend Summer Camp encourages families to use the [COVID-19 Exclusion chart](#) to determine if their camper(s) should remain at home.
- If a student exhibits any signs or symptoms of illness prior to drop-off, DO NOT send them to Riverbend. *We encourage all campers who are eligible to be fully vaccinated prior to the start of camp.*

Drop Off and Pick Up Procedure

- A drop off and pick up car line system will be used.
- Parents should not exit their vehicle, if your child needs help getting out of the car, the counselors can assist.

Masks at Riverbend

We will be following guidelines outlined by the CDC and Montgomery County Office of Public Health. Mitigation strategies, including masking, will be determined by Montgomery County's [current level of risk](#). If the level of risk changes throughout the summer, we will update families with new Health and Safety procedures.

Masking at Riverbend is optional indoors and outdoors.

Handwashing

- Scheduled handwashing breaks will be built into the daily schedule.
- There will be approved hand sanitizer available in the Snider Barn and Nick and Dee Adams Pavilion.

Staff

- Staff are required to be vaccinated for employment in our Summer Camp.
- The Camp Director will act as the primary contact for campers, parents/legal guardians, and staff.
- Staff are trained on health and safety guidelines, practices, and procedures.
- Staff must wash their hands regularly throughout the day.

Health and Safety

- To promote ventilation, the barn doors and windows will be open as much as possible.
- Personal belongings will be kept in a designated spot for each cohort.



- Signage: reminders for handwashing, social distancing, and safe sneezing will be posted throughout the facility.
- We recommend that students take a hot shower upon returning home after a day with any outdoor time.

Illness/First Aid

- A designated isolation area will be set-up for sick children or to provide first aid. Parents will be asked to pick up sick students.
- Staff will use additional PPE (N95 masks, face shields, and gloves) when working with a sick child in this area.

Heat Safety

As we learn to live in a warming world, we must adapt the way we operate camp to ensure that we keep our campers and counselors safe and healthy. On days where the heat index (the apparent temperature, or how the temperature feels to the human body) is 100 degrees or higher and/or air quality is declared “poor” by weather sources, Riverbend reserves the right to cancel the day of camp **with no refund** to families. If the number of camp days canceled in a week exceeds 3 days, Riverbend will offer a prorated refund to families.

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