



SUMMER 2023 CAMP KWASIND COVID-19 PLAN

Introduction:

Camp Kwasind was excited to welcome campers back to camp for the 2022 summer, while also being cautious and health conscious. Going forward, we will continue to navigate Summer Camp 2023. Throughout this year we will work with public health to have wise protocols that in line with the current situation of the pandemic if necessary.

Our safety plan is design to care for our guests, campers, staff and local community. Please note our COVID19 Plan is a living document and we will update or adapt it is best reflects current state of the situation. Any changes or updates to our protocols will be communicated to our campers and families.

As of March 21st, 2022, summer camps in Ontario were no longer required to follow the COVID-19 Safety Guidelines for Camp. At this point it becomes the responsibility of individual camps to create and establish their own safety protocols and procedures. In our excitement to be back to camp as we know it, we also feel that there was some very positive learnings from COVID-19 protocols that were in place that will help to maintain the health and safety of our Campers and Staff going forward.

This document outlines our best to date plan for summer 2023. We feel that these protocols will provide added protection from COVID-19 without taking away from your child's camp experience. If you have any questions about our COVID-19 protocols, please feel free to contact us anytime.

2023 Summer Camp Protocols:

It is time for an EXTRAORDINARY summer camp time and part of making camp extraordinary is about giving all campers, guests and staff a memorable and safe community. Below you will find some key points to our COVID Response Plan:

1. Ask individuals coming and/or staying at camp to be symptom free and not t have had recent contact with any confirmed COVID19 cases.
2. To follow the latest public health recommendations for vaccinations status and health practices to minimize the risk of community spread while at camp.
3. To increase our onsite sanitation and cleaning procedures.

4. To offer programs and activities outside, where the likelihood of community spread is minimal.
5. To establish procedures for caring for symptomatic campers and for potential onsite COVID-19 cases.

Pre-Arrival & Screening:

Prior to arrival, all campers and guests must self screen and be symptom free. Before arriving on-site, this self-assessment for symptoms of COVID-19 must be completed. If you are experiencing any of the current COVID19 symptoms please stay at home and contact the Camp Kwasind Office. In the days leading up to camp, we ask that you reduce any high-risk social interactions as much as possible and strictly adhere to the current public health guidelines and recommendations.

Close Contact Info: All campers arriving at camp must ensure that they have NOT been a close contact or living with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the **5 days prior to arriving at camp.**

Rapid Testing:

Rapid testing is a great defence to minimize the potential of COVID-19 entering camp. Before arrival, we require all campers and staff to take a **2 rapid tests, 24 hr apart and ensure that you have waited the full 15-20 minutes to ensure accurate results** (available for free at drug stores, grocery stores etc) before arriving at camp. To simplify this process we will request that parents or guardians administer this rapid test the morning before leaving for camp as well as the morning of departure for camp. For parents who do not have access to rapid tests, one can be provided and administered upon arrival. ***NOTE: Rapids test may also be used to test symptomatic campers or a camper who might be considered a close contact.***

Vaccinations:

We continue to follow the latest guidance from Public Health on vaccine status for our campers and staff. Camp Kwasind strongly recommends that all staff be fully vaccinated and boosted, and also encourages all campers be fully vaccinated. However, we do understand that due to age restrictions, medical conditions and personal choices, some campers may not have the opportunity to be fully vaccinated. Camp Kwasind will ask on every camper medical form to share their vaccination status, but at this time will not require all campers to be vaccinated.

Masking:

Masks are not required at Camp Kwasind, however, we are creating a culture that supports and encourages that masks be used while indoors. We believe that it provides added protection from not only from COVID-19, but other airborne viruses. For this reason, Camp Kwasind will encourage campers to bring a mask(s) of their comfort. Wearing a mask however, will be optional in any outdoor spaces as well as indoor shared spaces. Campers will only be required (*based on Public Health Requirement for Summer camp*) to wear masks if they become symptomatic or deemed a close contact with someone who is systematic or tests positive.

Response Plan for Symptomatic Campers and Staff:

If a camper starts to show signs or symptoms of COVID-19, they will be immediately isolated in a designated cabin and have access to a designated washroom. Once isolated, the Camp Kwasind medical team, will determine if the symptoms are a potential sign of COVID-19 or if it is a symptom of a pre-existing condition. A rapid antigen test will be administered by the Camp Kwasind Register Nurse. In the case of a positive test result, the camper will need to be picked up immediately by a parent/guardian and leave camp.

Please see attached document about how Symptomatic and Close Contacts will be handled at Camp Kwasind.

Sanitation and Cleaning:

Camp Kwasind has created a number of sanitation stations throughout the camp. Hand sanitizer can be found at the entrance of every building and at each activity area as well as in the dining hall. We also have a high priority on hand washing. Camp Kwasind has also created protocols to:

- Increase the frequency of cleaning/disinfection of washrooms.
- Ensure the continued availability of all equipment necessary for hygiene measures (soap, water, hand sanitizer, paper towel, tissues, and toilet paper).
- Post signage of hygiene best practices in public washrooms.
- Clean/disinfect all frequently touched surfaces (light switches, doorknobs, stall locks, toilet handles, sinks, etc.).
- Ensure an adequate supply of hand sanitizer and toilet paper for outhouses and frequently disinfect doorknobs and toilet seats.

Messaging to Parents / Guardians

Camp Kwasind will make contact immediately with a parent/guardian if their child is symptomatic and has a positive rapid test to be picked up. Camp Kwasind will make contact with all parent/guardians of any campers who are consider a close contact if this

case occurs. We will work with the parents to determine what they feel most comfortable next steps for their child.

NOTE: Camp Kwasind medical team may need administer Rapid Tests, but at no time or for any reason will any child be given a vaccination

If you have any questions or would like to inquire about our latest COVID-19 protocols, please feel free to contact us anytime at register@kwasind.com