

NC 4-H Camps & Centers

Summer Camp 2021 COVID-19 Parent FAQ



THE FOLLOWING FAQ DOCUMENT APPLIES *SYSTEM-WIDE* TO ALL NC 4-H CAMPS & CENTERS DURING THE 2021 SUMMER CAMPING SEASON. This is a living document and is subject to change based on the most current information and guidance from the American Camp Association, the CDC, and NC State University. This was created referencing the ACA's [Field Guide for Camps on Implementation of CDC Guidance](#) and is based on current recommendations by the CDC and NC State University.

For specific policies and procedures related to your camp, please refer to the following documents:

- [Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center COVID-19 Procedures and Guidelines](#)
- [Millstone 4-H Camp COVID-19 Procedures and Guidelines](#)

- [The Eastern 4-H Center COVID-19 Procedures and Guidelines](#)

1. Are we limiting the number of campers to provide proper physical distancing in cabins?

We are limiting capacity at all three of our camps. BJP and Eastern will operate at 75% capacity and Millstone will operate at 50% capacity. As a result, capacity will be reduced in cabins at all camps and Executive Lodge Rooms at Eastern 4-H Center. Bunk beds are spaced out and campers sleep head to toe per ACA's accreditation site standards for lodging.

2. Can the number of camper spaces be reduced for camping groups and counties?

Yes, each individual camp will work directly with the camping group and county to reduce camping spaces initially requested, if needed. We've limited the number of open enrollment campers at all 3 camps to decrease capacity, so reduction of 4-H campers is not necessary for all counties.

3. What are the loading procedures for campers when loading vehicles at county Extension Offices and check in at camp for parents who drive campers?

Transportation procedures will be developed and shared by the University and Extension as they change getting closer to our summer camp season. In the meantime, Agents should plan to make arrangements with parents and volunteers to provide transportation of campers to camp in the event that county transportation is unavailable due to restrictions.

4. Will the required negative COVID-19 tests within five days upon arrival to camp need to be rapid or extensive tests?

Further guidance is needed from the University and will be communicated as it is decided.

5. Will all campers be required to wear masks at all times?

Camps will follow NC State University's mask policy and campers will be required to wear masks at all times unless they are eating meals or are in their cabins.

6. What are the accommodations for campers who are allergic to hand sanitizer and bleach- based cleaning detergents?

Camps will work directly with the Agent to make specific accommodations for campers with specific allergies. Be sure to include all health information on health forms so camp staff are prepared.

7. What will equipment and surfaces be cleaned and sanitized with?

Camps will use an approved disinfectant solution that is specific for COVID-19 reduction. Campers with specific allergies should communicate those allergies to our camps to make accommodations to use other cleaning solutions without bleach.

8. What form will be used for the daily temperature checks for youth to record prior to camp arrival?

A university approved, standard form for all camps will be issued and required. A secure collection and retention method will also be used and communicated.

9. How will meals work during mealtime?

Each camp has a specific plan for mealtime. Please refer to the site specific procedures for each camp.

10. Can Agents self-quarantine prior to arrival to camp instead of a negative COVID test?

Yes, Agents can choose to either self-quarantine and keep a record of daily temperature checks OR provide a negative COVID test within 5 days of arrival at camp.

11. What are the procedures if a camper/staff/Agent has symptoms and then test positive for COVID-19?

Campers who demonstrate symptoms or test positive for COVID-19 will be isolated until parents can pick up the camper from camp. Any campers who were exposed will also be isolated. A camp staff or Agent will be isolated or sent home. All locations on camp where the child spent time will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected according to CDC guidelines.

12. Will a camper be issued a refund if they test positive for COVID-19 and are unable to attend camp?

Campers will be issued a full refund minus the deposit for any documented medical reason.

13. Are all the campers from one county going to be in the same small cohort?

No, campers will still be grouped by age and gender with campers from other counties.

14. Will Agents still be able to move around camp to interact and observe their campers in different activities and groups?

Yes, Agents can still observe their 4-H'ers from a distance , as long as they are following all required social distancing guidelines, handwashing and hand sanitizing procedures, and mask requirements.